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Army probes infiltration report

AMMAN (J.T.) — An Armed Forces spokesman said Saturday that the army was investigating Israeli claims that three men carrying rifles, guns and ammunition infiltrated into Israel from the northern Jordan Valley. Earlier, the Israeli army said Saturday it had captured an armed guernilla who crossed into Israel from Jordan. "An infiltrator who crossed the border from Jordan to Israel was arrested and many magnetic arms cained today in the Israel was arrested and many weapons were seized today in the area of Argeman settlement in the Jordan Valley," an army statement said. It said troops seized 30 pistols and three rifles smuggled into Israel from Jordan. Israel radio said one of the guns was engraved with the name of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. was engraved with the name of frequiresseem \$400am russem. The Jordanian army spokesman said the army was informed of the incident through the Jordan-Israel liaison office. "We are carrying out an investigation to find out the exact number of infiltrators and other information about them." the spokesman, who cannot be identified under army rules, said. "Our duty is to keep Jordan's borders safe and secure," he said.



Kurds respect ceasefire in N. Iraq

DUBAI (AFP) — The two main rival Kurdish factions in north Iraq said on Saturday they have respected the ceasefire decided at talks this week in Drogheda, Ireland, "No clashes have taken place and the media campaigns have also been halted." Salah Rashid, and official in the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), told AFP by telephone from Bonn. "The ceasefire is in force on the ground," confirmed Fawzi Al Akrushi of the London office of the Democratic Party of Kurdistan (DPK). Rashid said the two sides had begun releasing prisoners, although Atrushi had no information on the subject. The PUK says both sides are holding a lotal of 100-200 prisoners. The two rivals, whose conflict has left more than 2,000 dead since May 1994, agreed to make permanent a ceasefire after three days of talks in Ireland sponsored by the United States. The two officials said the two sides would meet within three weeks in an undecided location to work out details on the demilitarisation of Erbit, the "capital" of Iraqi Kurdistan controlled by the PUK since December.

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Iraqi defector vows to topple Baghdad regime

Hussein Kamel Hassan rejects charges against him, says he

will work with groups within and outside Iraq to oust Saddam

By P.V.Vivckanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Amman -- An Iraqi general and son-in-law of Saddam Hussein on Saturday vowed to work with Iraqis inside and outside the country to topple the Iraqi regime, saying that his failure to correct what be saw as wrong and misguided policies of the

government had prompted him to defect General Hussein Kamel Hassan, who was granted asylum in Jordan last week along with his wife as well as his brother and his wife - both daughters of President Saddam -

said he did not expect the Bagbdad government to retaliate against the King-"I do oot expect any retaliation from Baghdad (agaiost Jordan)," said Gen. Hassan, making first public appearance at a press confer-

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with Jordan over the issue, added Gen. Hassan, who thanked His Majesty King Hussein for the "warm hospitality" given to him and his family. Gen. Hassan avoided a

direct question whether efforts to topple President Saddam were discussed with King Hussein. "We are working from within our capabilities," he said. When we need anything, we will request it from the King.'

One of his key objec-

Hussein Kamel Hassan sends good wishes and thanks King AMMAN (J.T.) — Lt. General Hussein Kamel Hassan, who last Tuesday defected to Jordan, Saturday sent a cable of good wishes to His Majesty King Hussein expressing his good wishes to him on the 43rd anniversary of his

Jordanian people. He also expressed his appreciation for the care and hospitality accorded to him and his companions who sought refuge in Jordan, He also thanked the King for all that he and the Jordanian people accession to the Throne. In his cable Lt. Gen, Has-

and government had done for the Iraqi people, not-ing that without this great san wished the King continued health and happihelp Iraq would have been completely lost. ness and further progress and prospetity for the

dam's eldest daughter Raghad, hedged on a question whether he was in louch with American officials after his defection but affirmed that he had established contacl with "officials and groups inside and outside Iraq and residents inside and outside the country" to overthrow the regime. Reports said

senior American military defector in Amman on Friday in a bid to extract information from him. "We will continue our

work seriously to change the regime in Iraq," Gen. Hassan said in an opening statement. "We will work within Iraq as well as on the international and Arab levels.... He described the people he contacted, whom he did not identify, as "very respon-

Gen. Hassan, who continued to refer to Saddam Hussein as president, called on "all officers in the Iraqi army, the Republican Guard, the Special Forces and all civil servants and all the Iraqi society to be prepared for the coming change,

which will turn Iraq, which is rich in natural resources, into something modern." They know what this

invitation means, they know of my criticism and my desire lo bring about changes," he said. Addressing the press

in well-composed diplomatic language, the former minisler of industry and minerals and head of the Iraqi Mil-Organisation, said he had been trying for some years to help improve the country's management.

"Unfortunately, there were serious and complicated problems in the internal (administration) as well as the foreign policy," he said, Taba Yassin Ramadan, a vice-president, and Saddoun Hammadi, a former prime minister (1991) who now serves as a presidential advisor, as among those behind "bad things.'

"Faulty" policies had made Iraq a "backward" country despile its riches, he adding that despite his repeated efforts "the mislakes were not corrected."

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, on Saturday received Lieutenant General James Hen-

The general, wearing a

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smiling while answering

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cal, chemical and nuclear

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responsibility of revealing any secret unless it is for the

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ry Binford Pezy, commander of the American Cen-Attending the meeting were Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Abdul Hafez Mirai, commander of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and American Ambassador to Jordan Wesley Egan. Discussed during the meeting was the whole situation of the region in general and corodination

and cooperation in par-ticular. Gen. Binford Peay

was on a few-hour visit to

the Kingdom.

King meets American

general

SECURITY: South African police search people at a black taxi rank looking for weapons in the Kwa Zulu-Natal holiday resort of Margate Aug. 12. The operation was launched in the region after ongoing political violence between the African National Congress (ANC) and the Zulu

nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) which has claimed

the lives of bundreds in the past weeks (AFP photo)

'No shift in Jordan policy on Iraq By Beatrix Immenkamp undersecretary of the Minis-

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The fact that because of his position as a General Hussein Kamel Hassenior official and that one san was permitted to hold a of his objectives was to press conference yesterday and to call, as he did, for the overthtow of Iraqi President Gen. Hassan, who has Saddam Hussein's regime does not signal a shift in Jordan's policy towards Iraq, an official Jordanian spokes-

"Jotdan follows a policy of non-interference in the arms for the country, said he affairs of other states," said would not reveal any of the Nayef Mawla, a spokesman for the government and

man said Saturday.

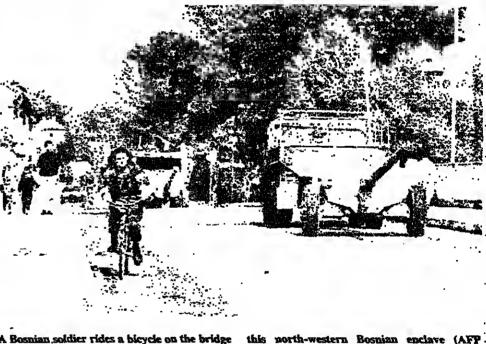
try of information. Stressing that this was an

affair between General Hassan and his government, the spokesman denied that the venue of the press conference at the Royal Court constituted an official Jordanian endorsement of attempts to topple the lraqi rulet. "The fact that the press

conference took place at the Royal Court is due to the fact that General Hassan is a guest of His Majesty King Hussein," the spokesman

man, interference with Iraq's internal affairs would run contrary to Jordan's efforts to unite Arab states, "We follow a policy of pursuing Arab solidarity" not dividing the Arab World, be said.

Mr. Mawla rejected spe-culation that Jordan's warm reception of the two defectors and their families comes in the context of recent moves to improve ties with the Gulf states. "We do not use other people to improve our relations with other Arab countries," he stressed.



A Bosnian soldier rides a bicycle on the bridge over the river Unz in Bihac as a Bosnian

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Thousands of Bosnian army

troops mounted a major

attack Saturday against a

Serb-held town in central

Bosnia in an apparent drive

to cut through Bosnian Serb

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Bosnian troops, possibly belped by Bosnian Croal

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"Intense shelling began at

50 held in Italy-U.S. drugs racket

REGGIO CALABRIA (R) - An Italian magistrate on Saturday ordered 50 people to stand trial on charges on smuggling drugs between Italy and the United States, judicial sources said. The 50 are accused of involvement in an operation providing he-roin for the North American market in exchange for supplies of cocaine. Around 50 cilometres of cocaine was imported into southern Italy in this way each month, police say. Prosecutors from the southern Italian cities of Catania and Reggio Calabria worked with colleagues from New York in planning the series of arrests that broke up the operation last year. A furthet 16 suspects were cleared of the accusations while the cases of 24 others will be referted to their national authorities as they are not resident in Italy. The trial is scheduled to open on Jan. 19, 1996.

Indian suspect arrested in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A man suspected of being India's most want u terrorist has been arrested in the United States and faces deportation as an illegal alien. U.S. immigration officials said. Immigration agents arrested Daya Singh Sandbu, 33, alleged leader of the Sikh militant group Khalistan Liberation Force, when he landed at Minneapolis-St. Paul international airport in Minnesota on Aug. 3.

if no deal on future of city reached

Hebron warned on Saturday of increased violence between Palestinians and Jewish settlers if the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel fail to agree on the future of the volatile West Bank city.
Israel and the PLO initial-

led a document on Friday on expanding Palestinian selfrule in the Wets Bank but did not resolve the issue of Hebron, a city holy to both communities where some 400 Jewish settlers live among 110,000 Palestinians. Hebron has been a hotbed

Hussein Kamel Hassan

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Gen. Hassan, who is

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of Arab-Israeli violence for years. In February, 1994, a U.S.-born Jewish settler shot dead at least 30 Palestinians at prayer in a mosque.

"To postpone a hot issue such as Hebron is not a wise decision," Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natsheh said on a visit to Gaza to meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat. "As long as the city stays under Israeli occupation, the situation will become worse."

To postpone the issue would invite more clashes, he told Reuters.

PLO officials said after the weekly Palestinian National Authority (PNA) meeting in Gaza that although the two sides had issued a joint statement, an overall agreement bad not yet been reached with Israel on self-rule in the West Bank.

The officials said several issues remained on the table, Israel, PLO aim at accord

want to seal an agreement on extending autonomy in the West Bank by Sept. 9, the Palestinian minister of youth and sport said here "We have agreed to do

after the weekly meeting of the Palestinian cabinet. "We know from past not sacred but there are fears that Israeli legisla-

He added that "the

not include Hebron,' protected by Israeli troops live amid 120,000 Palesti-

of an Israeli troop redeployment from population centres and control in rural areas. "The negotiations are still

continuing," said Moham-

withdraw its troops from all

out his massacre of Muslims last vear. Hebron is also a stronghold for Hamas militants opposed to Israeli-PLO peace moves. Most Palestinians regard the

enclaves, as a provocation. Hebron's mayor proposed that Israel relocate the 400 or so Jewish settlers to the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba. On Friday Israeli negotiator Yoel Singer said Israel

a conclusion. We will continue to talk about it (Hebron) next week and hopefully we will resolve this issue as well," he said.

At a news conference with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in the Egyptian resort of Taba on Friday, Mr. Arafat said Hebron was the main contentious issue not covered in their agreement on an Israeli troop redeploy-

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Khartoum cabinet reshuffled

KHARTOUM (AFP) -Sudan's head of state Omar Al Besbir reshuffled his government Saturday, firing his interior minister and police chief, and shifting five ministers to other portfolios.

No reason was given for the reshuffle, announced in a decree carried by the official Sudan news agency SUNA. But it follows accusations by Egypt that Sudanese security officials supported the foiled assassination attempt on Egyp-tian President Hosni Mubarak in June.

In addition, Sudanese guerrillas and the political opposition decided at the end of June to unite against the Islamic government of Lieutenant-General Bashir, which has held power since 1989. The police commissioner

Donji Vakuf told AFP by al Hassan Ahmad Siddig, telephone. lost his post and was substi-"We're used to war but tnted with police Major General Abdul Monem we've never seen sbelling like this," she said. "The Muslim Sayed Suleiman. (Bosnian army) attacked Brigadier Bakri Hassan from all sides at the same Salif was appointed the

presidential advisor, the decree said. He was previously a memher of the dissolved, military com-The previous interior minister, Brigadier- Al

People from surrounding towns took cover in Donji Vakuf, whose residents decided to stay put, she said.

It was impossible to determine whether Bosnian troops bad gained any ground as of mid-afternoon Saturday, U.N. spokeswoman Myriam Sochacki said in Sarajevo.

Seventh Corps issued a state-ment saying it had punebed several holes in Serb lines around Donji Vakuf and cap-

Army offensive hits

central Bosnia town

The United Nations estimated thousands of troops were involved in the fighting after a build-up of government forces around Bugojno, 100 kilometres west of Sarajevo.

Taking Donji Vakuf, 15 kilometres north of Bugojno, would give government forces control of the main road linking Kurpes with the town of Travnik, improving access from the Adriatie coast to the heart of central Bosnia.

Bosnian army and allied Bosnian Croat militia forces captured Kurpes, west of Bugoino, from separatist Serb soldiers last November, the first time government troops had retaken a major town from their opponents.

U.N. official said Bosnian army troops seemed to be attacking from Bugojno and from the Komar feature - a dominant hill northeast of Bugojno reinforced by govemment soliders from Mount Vlasic outside Travnik.

The amount of armour in-

volved in Saturday's assault surprised U.N. military observers, leading to speculation that allied Bosnian Croat militia forces might be supplying equipment in support of the government attack. Saturday's push marked the Bosnian Army's first

large-scale offensive effort since a coordinated attack against Serb forces in the Sarajevo area fizzled out in June with minimal gains. In southeast Bosnia, Serbs

were reported to be fleeing in advance of a possible Croatian army attrack from positions around the historie Adriatic city of Dobrovnik.

"Several thousands Bosnian Serb civilians bave left the Trebinje area nortbeeast of Dubrovnik, fearing an HV (Croatian army) attack to the south," a U.N. spokesman told reporters.

Local journalists in Dubrovnik said the city was on alert and shelling could be heard in the distance. The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Trebinje was under Croatian attack but there was no independent confirmation of the report.

The Trebinje Serb author-(Continued on page 7)

Hebron mayor warns of more violence

GAZA (R) — The mayor of by Sept. 9 ISRAEL AND the PLO

on Saturday.

our utmost to reach an accord by Sept. 9," Azmi Al Shueibi told the press

tive elections represent a serious obstacle to the negotiations," he said. Knesset elections are slated for November

whole peace process is threatened if Israeb military redeployment does where 400 Jewish settlers

including Hebron, the extent

mad Zuhdi Al Nashasbibi, who holds the finance portfolio in the authority. "There are no real results yet." He called the issue of Hebron "a red line" for the PLO and demanded that Israel

seven cities in the West Mr. Natsheh said the PNA would safeguard Jews who wished to pray at Hebron's Ibrahim Mosque where set-tler Baruch Goldstein carried

settlers, who live in guarded

would not agree to removing general, Lieutenant Genersettlers from Hebron. "We have not yet reached

> new interior minister and mand council.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

14 militants killed in southeast Turkey

ANKARA (AFP) - The army has killed 14 Kurdish

militants during raids in the southeast along the borders

with Iran, Iraq and Syria, official sources said Saturday.

The raids took place in Hakkari and Van along the Iraqi

and Iranian borders, and in Mardin near Syria as well as in

the eastern regions of Bitlis and Bingol, the Anatolian news

agency said, quoting officials in Diyarbakir. The agency did

not specify when the attacks occurred, but the army carries

out almost daily raids against suspected militants of the

separatist Knrdish Labour Party (PKK). More than 20,000

people, including soldiers, civilians and militants have been killed in the fighting which erupted 11 years ago. The PKK

wants an independent Kurdish state in southeastern Tur-

ta Pı

One man kneeled, kissed the ground and then looked to the sky with tears in his eves after leaving Cairo's notorious Tora prison.

Relatives, some waiting for hours, started ululating and throwing candy at guards as they saw the men approach. One mother fainted and fell to the ground after hugging her freed son. Since last year, the govern-

ment has released 710 prisoners after they reportedly renounced their extremist bebefs. A senior security official at the prison described the programme as part of the government's "intellectual confrontation" with Muslim extremists, and promised to release dozens more in coming months.

Each man was given 200 Egyptian pounds (\$60) and promised a joh, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. Since 1992, Muslim mili-

tants have waged a violent campaign to overthrow the government and install strict Islamic rule. Nearly 800 people, most of them police and militants, have died in the fighting, which has largely. been confined to southern Egypt.
Thousands of suspected

militants have been arrested. Most of the men released Saturday were imprisoned on minor charges, such as membership in an illegal group. None of the prisoners interviewed had spent more than three years in jail.

But one man in his 20s, with a long beard often worn by Muslim militants, left the

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia

(AP) — A man linked to a

political opposition group

was beheaded Saturday after

being convicted of throwing acid at an undercover police-

Nine others convicted of

complicity in attempting to

destabilise, internal security

and hoarding smuggled arms

from opposition leaders in

exile leaders were given pris-

on terms of up to 18 years

and 300 lashes, according to

an interior ministry state-

The executed Saudi was

identified as Abdullah Bin

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They took away our life and gave us nothing," said the man, who refused to give his name. "I was imprisoned for 15 months without doing

anything." Prison officials allowed journalists 10 interview a handful of the prisoners, all of whom said they had learned a lesson in jail and promised not to participate in

Magdi Ahdul Aziz, 30, was in jail for 15 months for heing a member in the outlawed Al Gamaa Al Islamiya, or the Islamic group. He said he decided to repent in March because he was disillusioned with the fanaticism of fellow Islamic militants in jail.
"I'll shave my beard as

soon as I get out of jail because I want to start a new life. I'm going to preach Islam that calls for love and forgiveness, not the Al Gamaa's Islam, which calls for killing fellow Muslims," he said.

In south Egypt, a secret policeman and a suspected Muslim militant were killed in separate clashes in the governorate of Minya on Saturday, security sources

They said two militants shot and killed policeman Motawa' Hafez Abdul Bari in front of his house near the town of Malawi in Minva province, 260 km south of Cairo.

Mr. Abdul Bari's attackers, who stole his gun and escaped, were indentified hy police as members of Al Gamaa Al Islamiya.

Shortly after Mr. Abdul Bari was killed police patrolling fields near Al Adwa, also in Minya province, exchanged fire with gunmen, the sources said.

One suspected militant, who was not identified by police, was killed in the sboot-out, they added.

London-based Committee

for the Defence of Legitimate

Rights, which seeks to oust

the royal family and establish

an Islamic government in Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally

and the world's largest oil

The statement warned that

the same punishment would

befall "all those who call for

the spread of evil, and sedi-

tion wherever they practice

their destructive activities in

On Friday, the wife,

daughter and son of a man

deceiving others."

exporter.

Saudis donate \$90m to Bosnia Muslims

DUBAI (R) -- Saudi Arabia said on Saturday it raised more than \$90 million in donations to ease the plight of fellow Muslims in Bosnia in a 14-bour nationwide fundraising drive.

Prince Salman Ben Abdul Aziz, the emir of the capital Riyadh and organiser of the campaign, said 339 million riyals (\$90.4 million) were raised.

He told the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) that the figure was a preliminary one and the final sum was expected to be announced later.

The fund-raising campaignwas carried live on state television and radio, starting at noon on Friday and ending in the early hours of Saturday. Donations were also deposited at banks, mosques and other centres across the coun-

King Fahd started the campaign on Friday by donating 50 million riyals (\$13 million), bringing to around 386 million riyals (\$102 million) the total aid he bas given Bosnian Muslims so far, SPA

reported. The king had three weeks ago granted the Bosnian government 50 million riyals (\$13 million). Before the latest campaign, Saudi officials had put total Saudi public donations to Bosnian Muslims at more than 800 million riyals (\$213 million).

SPA had on Friday quoted a letter from Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic to King Fahd as saying that the Saudi donations "come at a time when Bosnian people are in dire need for the help and support of their hrothers.

He said the donations

would help the Bosnian people "to protect their country and preserve their religion and dignity."

Saudi Arabia recently reiterated its call to Islamic states to offer Bosnian Muslims full support in the face of what it called a disgraceful international stand.

Muslim states grouped in the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, who back the Bosnian government against rebel Serbs, last month declared a U.N. arms emhargo against Bosnia in-

Kuwait airport traffic hits record high

KUWAIT (R) — Passenger and cargo traffic volumes at the Kuwait international airport registered record highs in July 1995, a civil aviation official said on Saturday. "Kuwait international airport achieved an unprecedented growth in passenger and air cargo traffic in July," Fawaz Al Farah, director of air transport at the directorate general of civil aviation said in a statement. Passengers flying to and from Kuwait totalled 356,546, a rise of seven per cent compared to July 1994. Air cargo volume handled through the airport reached 11,000 tonnes, an increase of eight per cent. Mr. Farah said. State-owned Kuwait Airways Corporation's share of passenger traffic was 62 per cent and of air cargo traffic 73 per cent, Mr. Farah said without giving market share comparisons for July 1994.

Cyprus sends aid to Krajina Serbs

NICOSIA (AFP) - Cyprus has sent two planes full of humanitarian aid to the Krajina Serbs fleeing their homer in the wake of the Croatian offensive in the former Yugoslavia, the official CNA news agency said Saturday. The aid, consisting of 1.5 tonnes of medicine and 10 tonnes of food supplies, left Larmana airport late Friday on board two flights headed for Belgrade, the agency said. The Civil Servants Union in Cyprus organised the aid and is sending a delegation of nine doctors and seven nurses on Saturday to the town of Banja Luka in northern Bosnia, where many refugees have fled. A third flight, loaded with 12 tonnes of foods, will leave for Yugoslavia on Tuesday. The Cyprus government has expressed "grave concern" about developments in the former Yugoslavia and in particular "the human tragedy created and accentuated by the Croatian offensive against Krajina," the agency said. The government has pledged large quantities of medical supplies and haby food. The union has also pledged 40,000 Cyprus pounds (\$90,000) in aid for Serb refugees while the Church of Cyprus announced donations of 20,000 pounds.

Iran wrestler rather loses than meet Israell

TEHRAN (R) - An Iranian wrestler taking part in a world championship has thrown away a match in order to avoid meeting an Israeli at a later stage, Tehran Radio said on Friday. "Since Iran does not recognise a country by the name of Israel... it was deemed best that he lose this easy match so that he would not later have to face (an Israel wrestler)," the radio said. The radio was referring to Amir Reza Khadem losing on Thursday to Turkey's Sabahettin Ozturk in the first round of the World Free Wrestling Championship in Atlanta: Khadem, a 1992 Barcelona Olympics bronze medallist, lost the 82-kg weight category. match on warnings after one minute 30 seconds, the radio said. Iranian Television said Khadem may have been barred from the championship if he had beaten Ozturk and then refused to meet the Israeb wrestler, losing his chance for a bronze medal. It did not give the name of the Israeli wrestler. Khadem was intentionally backing off instead of actively facing Ozturk in order to lose on warnings, it said. state, which it sees as Islam's arch-enemy, in international sports meets.

Libya denies expelling Egyptian workers

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Lihya has denied it is deporting thousands of Egyptian workers following clashes earlier this week hetween security forces and Muslim militants in major Lihyan towns.

An unidentified Libyan official said that more than 1.5 million Egyptians lived and worked in Libya and that "there is no evidence of any of them being subjected to any re-patriation measures." according to the Libyan news agency JANA, mon-

itored in Cairo. The official described traffic across the Libyan-Egyptian border point of Saloum on the Mediterranean coast as "normal."

Egyptian and Arab officials said Thursday that thousands of Egyptians and 350 Palestinians had poured into Saloum after they were expelled hy Lihyan authorities. The JANA report late Friday did not mention the Palestinian workers.

But Brigadier Ahmed Mohsen, an Egyptian officer stationed in Saloum, said Saturday the number of workers crossing the border point was "less than usual." There were no signs of Palestinian workers leaving Libya, he told the Associated Press.

Arah diplomats had speculated the reported expulsions were related to clashes between govern-ment troops and Muslim activists in Benghazi and Dirnah, hoth on the Mediterranean close to Egypt.

Lihya, under U.N. sanctions since 1992, has recently accused foreign Muslim militants of sneaking into its territory and instigating clashes. The charges were apparent references to Islamist movements in neighbouring Egypt and Sndan.

An Egyptian delega-tion, including foreign

Lihva Saturday to discuss with Libyan officials the situation of the workers. an Egypyian foreign ministry source said.

ministry officials, left for

The delegation will meet officials Sunday. The two countries share close diplomatic and trade ties, despite tension in the

Libya's economy, bolstered hy oil revenues, has attracted hundreds of thousands of foreign workers, and Lihyan leader Col. Moammar Qadhafi has in the past used their presence as a way to pnt pressure on their bome governments.

Levy announces new party

TEL AVIV (AP) — Former Foreign Minister David Levyhas finalised his split from the Likud Party, announcing that he was forming his own par-

The move, following years of in-feuding between Mr. Levy and Likud leader Benjamin Netanyabu, could harm the Likud's chances of returning to government in the fall 1996 elections by splitting the right-wing vote. Except for two years of Labour rule in a national

unity government, the Likud was in power from 1977 until Yitzhak Rabin's Labour Party's upset victory in 1992. Recent opinion polls bave shown that Mr. Netanyahn would win elections for prime.

But Mr. Levy, a Moroccan-born immigrant velopment town of Beit Shean, could draw the large portion of the Likud consti-

minister if they were held

tuency made up of Jews of Middle Eastern origin, or Sephardim.

I am preparing in the field... creating a party that will be a central party, a social nationalist party," Mr. Levy said on Israel television.

"It will be first of all a democratic party with representatives from the field. It will be people who will add not just honour but hope to the political arena in Israel. They will be from all the (societal) layers." Mr. Levy left the Likud in

June saying he would build a home "for all Israelis." His base of support, the Sephardim, make up half of Israel's 4.5 million Jews. Most, however, fall socially

Jews of European descent. Polls have indicated Mr. Levy would get the support Israeli voters, but be might also rally broader support by attracting Sepbardi politi-

and economically bebind

Mr. Levy, who in the past has called for halting the peace process, criticised the government Friday for not communicating with the peo-"People are terrified for

cians from other parties.

their security, for the security of their families," Mr. Levy said, "I understand their concerns, their fears, when the government does not include them, does not tell them where it is going when it is talking about their lives, their future. But some Labour officials

have suggested Mr. Levy could join a dovish coalition government led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. This could assist Mr. Rabin in forming B majority government if he wins the first direct elections for Israeli prime minister in 1996.

long-time party rival Mr. Netanyopposition and for not giving established.



David Levy

alternatives to the current peace process.

Mr. Levy and Mr. Netanyahu fell out when the latter woll control of the Likud Party after the 1992 national elections. Since then harsb accusations, including an unsubstantiated claim by Mr. Netanyahn that Mr. Levy tried to blackmail him during the race, led to the eventual

ty would be named in Deahu for failing to unite the cember when it is officially

ordan sharing information on Iraqi defections

Washington (USIA) -The United States and Jordan are sharing some information about the defection of top aides of Saddam Hussein, the White House

who was killed in a family dispute were heheaded following conviction by Islamic court. The three along with two men who carried out the killing were executed in the oil city of Dhahran. capital city of the eastern province. A Saudi and two Turks were also beheaded Friday in

Kingdom's northern borders. after Islamic courts convicted the three for drug smuggling. The kingdom's chief ulemas, or islamic scholars, ruled in 1987 that drug smuggling and peddling are

punishable by headings, a

mode of execution prescribed

Arar, a town close to the

hy Islamic law. The rate of beheadings has been on the rise this year. with the total for the first seven months of this year now past 120, already more than the total for any previous year.

lies. Lieutenant General said Aug. 11. President Clinton telephoned King Hussein again Aug. 11, White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry told reporters, and "discussed the

status of the defectors." Mr. McCurry would not reveal the content of the conversation between the president and the King, but he asserted it is now more clear than ever that the 'quartet from Saddam Hussein's inner circle fled to Jordan because of "deplorable conditions" inside Iraq and because of the dictator's "loss of credibility" as Iraq's leader.

The party of defectors included Saddam Hussein's daughters, Raghad and Rana, and their hushands, both military officers high in his councils, and their famiHussein Kamel had been in charge of developing Iraq's weapons of mass destruction before the Gulf war and of military and industrial production since. His hrother. Colonel Saddam Kamel, was in charge of Iraqi special forces. According to news reports, an unspecified number of other military officers defected with the Kamels. U.S. officials previously

had told reporters Hussein Kamel was in a position to reveal a plethora of data about Iraq's attempts to hide nucleare, chemical and biological weapons from United Nations inspectors after the Gulf war. In addition, both Kamels were said to be privy to a vast quantity of information about Saddam Hussein's. regime, including information about elements providing the dictator with personal

Mr. McCurry would not divulge to questioners any

information about what the Kamels may have told Jordnaian de-briefers. He said King Hussein told Clinton he was "grateful" for the president's public warning against any sort of retaliation against Jordan for granting asylum to the Iraqi party. "We are in close contact with the government of Jordan," he said, 'about the discussions underway" in Amman.

Mr. McCurry would not say whether U.S. officials are participating in the de-briefing. When asked if Washington was getting any information from Jordan, he replied, "I just told you the president and the King talked and they shared some information on the defectors. So of course we are in con-

At the State Department, deputy spokesman David Johnson said the defections "highlight how isolated Saddam Hussein has become in

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Iraq, how serious the political disagreement with his policies has become, and how serious splits have become within the ruling clique. The defections represent a serious sethack to his regime." He said the defections also

demonstrate that the United

States policy of holding fast

to the sanctions regime until Iraq has met all of its United Nations Security Council resolutions is working. King Hussein's decision to grant the defectors asylum was "an act of political courage and we have assured him the United States will stand with him against any threat of

Iraqi retaliation," the deputy

spokesman said. "I've seen no evidence of military moves directly related to these defections," Mr. Johnson told questioners. He noted that Saddam Hussein had sent his oldest son to Jordan as an emissary in an unsuccessful effort to persuade the defectors to return home. "I believe be has since departed," he said. While there is no evidence

of Iraqi moves directly related to the defections, "the record of Saddam Hussein. makes it prudent to prepare for such threats," the deputy spokesman said. Mr. Johnson refused to

answer questions about whether U.S. officials have met, or plan to meet, with the two Iraqi defectors. However, he acknowledged that Hussein Kamel could certainly "provide a great deal of information which might prove very useful" 10 Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq, which since the Gulf war has conducted recurring inspec-tions to determine whether or not Iraq has developed weapons of mass destruction.

Information from the defectors could help Ekeus "in pursuing his objective of de-

termining Iraqi compliance or non-compliance with relevant Security Council resolutions. We would hope that that would take place." Mr. Johnson said.

The deputy spokesman was unable to say exactly what may have precipitated the defections, but he did point, like Mr. McCurry, to the continued deterioration of conditions in Iraq because of; the effects of Security Coun-4. cil sanctions resolutions and "the unwillingness of Saddam to take advantage of the humanitarian exceptions that !. are in those resolutions to i provide the food and medicine and other humanitarian ! goods for his population."

"Any fault for the condition of the Iraqi people rests squarely with Saddam, who has failed to take advantage of the exceptions that are provided to provide food and medicines for his people," Mr. Johnson emphasised.

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General vows to topple regime from all differences with Arab countries.

At a different point, he accused the Iraqi regime of executions, assassinations and detentions," and said these were the main means taio its cootrol on power.

However, he said, these policies had alienated the Iraqi people and that the regime was "very much iso-

"It is now well known that Iraq's policy is in complete isolation and it is also well known that Iraq's situatioo is very bad," he said. "We are not really interested in solving our own problems as much as we are interested in intensifying our problems

quescon whether he envisaged himself as a future president of Iraq. Gen. Hassan said the used by Baghdad to main-, Iraqi government had lost control of security in some parts of the country and referred to the Kurdish

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No one stopped the convoy and 'we entered Jordan in the most normal way," he said. her "either 10 join me or to remain behind."

He said he expected Jordanian forces.

Hebron mayor (Continued from page 1) ment in the West Bank.

Mr. Arafat called a meeting of the PLO Executive Committee in Tunis for Monday to discuss the deal initialled with Israel. The two sides are more than a year late in extending self-rule to the West Bank under their 1993

the Iraqi regime to attempt to eliminate him, but he expressed high sadsfaction with the security provided to him and others with him by,

Khartoum cabinet

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Khair, was named the new minister of public service, administrative reform and lahour — a portfolio formerly held by retired Major General Dominique Kassianu Bakheit, who was transferred to the ministry

Hamas slams raids

The Islamie Resistance Movement Hamas accused the Palestinian National Authority on Saturday of mounting daily raids on mos-

said in a statement faxed to

The former environment and lourism minister, Mohammad Tahir Eila, was named minister of commerce. Commerce Minister Taj

Alsir Mustafa lost his portfolio in the resuffle and was not given another one.

energy and mining, a post held by Brigadier Salah Eddin Mohammad Ahmad Karar who took the former's place as cabinet minister Mr. Karar and Mr.

Bakheit were also members of the dissolved military command council.

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PNA officials were not immediately available to com-

Under pressure from Israel, the authority has cracked down on Hamas.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

FUHEIS FESTIVAL Seminar on late Jordanian Wasfi Tal with the participation of Ibrahim Bakr, Muwaffaq Mahadin, and Tareq Masarweh at residence of late Khalid

Political comedy "Hi Citizen"

by Mousa Hjazeen at 9:00 p.m

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Mnaizel, Old Fuheis at 6:30 p.m.

Tal, Al Ra'i Arabic daily's 25th anniversary, Germany's struggle against fascism, Orthodox churches, abstract and children's

Envoy presents credentials

AMMAN (J.T.) — Canadian Ambassador to

Jordan Michel de Salaberry Saturday pressented a copy of his credentials to Minister

of Foreign Affairs Abdul Karim Kabariti

Mr de Salaberry succeeds Andrew Robinson

Produce exports drop — AMO

AMMAN(Petra) - The Agricultural Mar-

keeing Organisatioo (AMO) Saturday announced that Jordan exported nearly

30,000 tonnes of fruits and vegetables dur-

ing the month of July, registeriog a decrease of 4,750 tonnes in exports in the same

month last year. The AMO said that the

main importer was the United Arab Emi-

rates which bought nearly 53,000 tonnes of

agricultural produce last month.

* "The Quality of Drinking Water in Jordan" (in Arabic) by Dr. Raja Jad'oun at the Professional Association Complex at

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with other countries..." He predicted the downfall of the regime, but could not attach a timeframe. He also refrained from directly answering a

rebellion in the north and the Shiite revolt in the south. He said some places were "safer to travel during

military officer, obviously mindful of his colleagues in the Iraqi military, praised the Iraqi army and said "it is very easy to restore security and control all over Iraq."

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"I would have left alooe" anyway if his wife had not joined him, said Gen, Hassan, who was osteosibly on his way to a visit to Bulgaria when he, bis wife and children, brother Saddam Kamel and his wife Rana and a cousin and

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his family crossed over to

Jordan in a Mercedes motor-

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ques in Gaza. Every day the Palestinian security raids the mosques. terrorising prayers and damaging property," Hamas

an international news agency.
"The Palestinian self-rule must stop all these measures

which opposes the PLO's

peace deal with the Jewisb state and has claimed responsibility for a series of suicide bomb attacks in which scores of Israelis were killed.

"These measures are nothing but a clear expression of the frustration and failure of the authority in oegodations with the Ziooists (Israel) after being gripped by the Zionist fist," Hamas statement said.



THE OLD FASHIONED WAY: Preserving tradition, and quite possibly more flavour, a woman kneeds dough outdoors in Fuheis where the sixth annual Fuheis Fes-

NEWS IN BRIEF

tival is in full swing (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Prime Minister returns

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif

Zeid Ben Shaker Saturday returned to

Amman after spending sysbort holiday abroad. He was mei ar the airport by Deputy Prime Minister Khaled Karaki and

Technicians start seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — A group of 30 techni-

cians from eight Arab countries including

Jordan Samrday started a two-week training

seminar in Aminan to discuss topics related

to underground water resources and ways to

protect water from natural and industrial

polludon. The seminar, which has been

organised in cooperation with the Arab

Nuclear Energy Couocil based in Tunisia, expects to deal with the issue of nuclear

energy in dealing with water pollution.

During the meeting, which was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Khaled Karaki and Minister of Planning Rima Khalaf, the two sides discussed plans for the promotion of hilateral cooperation in economic and techoical reviewed Arab, regional and international issues of mutual concern.

The two sides also discussed matters related to decisions and resolutions taken by the Jordanian-Yemeni bigher commioee which recently met in

fields and

AMMAN(Petra) - Visitiog

Shaker and conveyed to him a message from Yemeni

Abdul Ghani on relations between both countries.

Sana'a. They discussed Jordan's case in coping with its for-eign debt and reviewed economic situations in Jordan and Yemen.

During the meeting Mr. Bajamal outlined Yemeo's first five-year socio-economie plan which is due to start next year. The Prime Minister told Mr. Bajamal that Jordan was ready to offer its help and

the success of its five-year Also Saturday, Mr. Bajamal visited the headquarters of

the Free Zones Corporation

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Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Saturday receives visiting Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Qader Bajamal to discuss bilateral relations and Yemen's first five-year plan due to be implemented soon (petra photo)

(FZC) and said that his country was keen on promoting cooperation with Jordan in free zones activi-

Speaking after meeting with the FZC Director General Falah Qudah, Mr. Bajamal said that the Yemeni government was close to completing a project of convertiog the seaport of Aden

into an integrated free trade

Mr. Bajamal said Yemen

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wants to launch cooperation between its own free trade zone and those in Jordan and would encourage investment in the free zone areas.

Visiting Yemeni Minister reviews bilateral ties

with premier, visits Free Zones Corporation

established in 1973 on 2.5 million dunums, an area that was assigned for establisbing industrial projects. He said the government

has now taken up plans for expanding this zone and

converting the area lying

south of the port city ioto an integrated free zooe to serve the growing needs of the trade and iovestment sec-Mr. Qudah said the free The government bas

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Ahmad Aini Saturday arrived to Amman oo an official visit for talks with Jordan Electricity Authority tJEA) officials oo ways 10 promote technical cooperation and on training Yemeni technicians at the JEA train-

ing ceotre io Zarga. JEA currently supervises an electricity project in Yemen and has carried out electric power projects in that country estimated to be worth \$2.5 million.

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'Strategies of Narration' — a window into true Americana

By Nelly Lama

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — "The Strategies of Narration," the American Ceotre's latest exhibitioo is not simply a venture into various forms of art but a window oo the varied philosophical, political, socio-economic and ethnic make-up of the U.S. as seen through the cre-

ations of five American artists. The artists belong to the rintmaking Workshop

Printmaking Worksho (PMW) of New York City. The workshop, founded by African-American artist, printmaker and educator, Robert Blackburg, has worked alongside many promineou artists of ibis century including abstract expressionists and pop artists such as Grace Hartigan and the celebrated

Robert Rauschenberg. Today, the PMW offers a well-equipped, low-cost

techniques. Its founders say the aim of

The idea is to promote

The different histories of migration, flux, diaspora and colonisation that characterise American lives are expressed in multi-varied art

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Clinton's call for global ban on nuclear testing met with international backing

New Zealand navy ship leaves for Mururoa

AUCKLAND (Agencies) — The New Zealand navy ship Tui sailed from Auckland o Saturday for Mururoa. where it will support the "Protest Flotilla" of private boats opposing the resumption of French nuclear tests on the atoll.

The 1000-tonne Tui, a research and survey vessel, was seen off by Prime Minister Jim Bolger and opposidon Labour Party leader Helen Clark.

The ship has two New Zealand MPs aboard — Brian Neeson representing the ruling National Party and Chris Carter of the Labour

The New Zealand Press Association quoted Mr. Bolger as saying the tui's trip "the most visible protest" New Zealand could make over the test pro-

"We think it's wrong. We think the French should change their minds," he said. "It's oot too late to change that decision, it would be right to change that deci-

Mr. Bolger also said he was "very happy" with U.S. President Bill Clinton's announcement Friday of support for a complete test

"The pressure will continue to grow. The French government must understand that this is not something

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that is going to vanish in the night. It is going to continue to grow, it is becoming more

universal," he said. On Friday, France welcomed Mr. Clinton's backing for a glohal ban on all nuclear testing, including small-scale experiments, saying it matched

France's intendons after a final series of hlasts.

France, trying to calm a international protests over its plans to stage eight nuclear tests in the South Pacific from September to May, had said a day before that it would also support a "true zero" ban after it completes the tests.

The French government is delighted by the position adopted by the United States," an official statement

Mr. Clinton's decision ended a debate within the administration over whether the United States would try to exempt small nuclear testing from the worldwide Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) being nego-dated in Geneva, U.S. Offi-

French President Jacques Chirac has said that France will sign the CTBT after the last series of eight tests, which be says are vital to France's nuclear arsenal.

Also on Fridayt, the U.S. Senate adopted a resolution

Nationalist demonstrators

and police clash in Belfast

calling on France to call off nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

Introduced by Democratic Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, the .non-hinding "sense of the Senate" resolution was attached as an amendment to the 1996 defense spending hill.

It says France "should abide by the current internamoratorium .on nuclear test explosions, refrain from proceeding with its announced intention of nuclear tests in advance of a comprehensive test han treaty, and inidate preparations to close its under-

roa and fangataufa atolls.". In a statement, the senator said that because of the urgency of the simadon, he insisted that the resolution be adopted before the Senate began its summer break Fri-

ground test sites at the muro-

He cited reports that France bas readied four of the eight planned nuclear tests and said it was likely the first of them could be detonated later this month.

In Tokyo, the Japanese government welcomed Washington's call for a total ban on ouclear arms tests, saying that it corresponded with Tokyo's policy on test-

"It bas been Japan's policy to call for a total ban onnuclear tests ... (and we) whole-heartedly welcome the U.S. decision," Japan's foreign ministry spokesman said in a written statement.

released after Mr. Clinton's announcement Japan said it hoped Mr

Clinton's statement would accelerate moves to reach an early agreement on CTBT. "Japan will step up efforts to work for an early agree-

ment for CTBT negotiations," the foreign ministry spokesman said. The Australian government also welcomed the

decision announced by U.S. President Bill Clinton to ban all nuclear tests next year which was described by Foreign Minister Gareth Evans as a major "policy break-

"I warmly welcome President Clinton's commitment to a zero threshold test han treaty," Mr. Evans said.

"This is the second major nuclear policy breakthrough in a week and gives strong grounds for confidence that we will have a genuinely comprehensive test ban treaty in place next year."

Mr. Evans said Australians had reason to be pleased that progress was being made, adding: "Australia has been actively and strongly lobbying on this issue and we are very pleased with the progress being made."



New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger speaks from the New Zealand navy ship Tui in Auckland Saturday. The Ship, with two New Zealand MPs on board, sailed from Auckland to Muroroa, French Polynesia, where it will support the "protest flotilla"

Indian police deployed near ancient mosque to prevent communal violence as Hindu militants threaten showdown

the north of the province. through the Catholic Bogside District. But the march passed without any major Martin McGuinness, the number two in Sinn Fein -

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BELFAST (AFP) - Two flashpoint, a Protestant tice Boys", an organisation were injured, march in Londonderry, in founded in 1714 to celebrate the 13 youths who closed the gates of Londonderry in the face of James II's besiegeing army in

> In 1969, a similar march along the old city walls overlooking the Bogside, led to violent clasbes in the district, prompting the British government to send in the troops to Ulster for the first time.

The violence lasted several days and spread to other parts of the province, killing eight people, seven of them in Belfast.

A second Apprendce Boys march was scheduled for Saturday, hut following a less controversial route.

NEW DELHI (Agencies) -Thousands of federal policemen were being rushed to the northern Indian town of Mathura where a Hindu religions group has planned a rally close to an ancient mosque, according to offi-

Authorities have banned the religious rally, scheduled to begin Aug. 15, fearing that Hindu religious leaders may incite crowds to destroy the mosque that some Hindu groups say is located at the hirthplace of Lord Krishna, an important Hindu deity.

But the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP, World Hindu Council) has decided to press ahead with a religious ceremony near the Islamic shrine despite a ban hy the local administration.

"There is no way we can change our plans," said Gbulab Singb Parihar, gen-eral secretary of the VHP chapter in Uttar Pradesh state, where Mathura is

Parihar said in a telephone interview from the Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow that tens of thousands of Hindus would gather on August 18 in Mathura, some

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Officials have banned the VHP programme fearing that Hindu zealots could use the occasion to attack the mosque which Hindn leaders say was erected by Moghul Emperor Aurangazeh after razing part of a Hindu temple.

The temple was dedicated to the Hindu God krishna, who Hindus believe was hom into a family of cowherds in Mathura and rose to become its ruler after killing a demon king.

The mosque and Krishna temple exist side by side, drawing Hindus and Muslims in the thousands. A similar show of strength

hy thousands of VHP activists in the Uttar Pradesh town of Ayodhya on December 6, 1992 led to the razing of a 16th-century mosque, triggering an orgy of Hindu-Muslim violence across

Nearly 2,000 people were killed and thousands more injured in the maybem that followed the ayodhya sacrilege. VHP activists quickly huilt a makeshift temple to the Hindu warrior-god Ram the rubble of the Babri

The Uttar Pradesh government wants the VHP to shift its proposed ceremony, which coincides with Lord Krishna's birthday, to a place nearly three kilometres away from the temple-

mosque complex. The authorities have thrown a security ring around the mosque.

Hundreds of heavily armed police, paramilitary troops and sniffer dogs have been deployed to prevent possible violence.

A state official said the VHP would not be allowed to hold any ceremony near the Islamic shrine.

The VHP, however, is refusing to hack down, setting the stage for a con-

We are firm in our decision and there is no quescion of shifting the (ceremony's) venue," Ram Phal, a VHP leader, said after a meeting on Friday with Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati.

"It is our religious right which the government is trying to curb," said the VHP's

parihar, "The government believes there could be violence that day. But we have said we have no such inten-

Parihar reiterated that the VHP wanted Muslims to give up control of the Mathura Mosque and another 17th-century Islamic shrine in the northern town of Varanasi which also Hindus claim was huilt on the ruins of a temple. "Hindu society will never

give up its claim to these mosques," he said. "The Mathura programme stands. We will go ahead with it regardless of the consequences." The VHP threat has

angered Muslims, the largest religious minority in this predominantly-Hindu nacon of 900 million. "The VHP's one point

agenda is to whip up com-munal tension," said Ahmad Bukhari, deputy priest of the New Delhi-based Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. "It is the goveru-

ment's responsibility to save the Mathura Mosque. "If anything happens to it,

the consequences would be grave;" he warned.

Thief's haul of rare books to be sold at auction

LONDON (AFP) - Thousands of books stolen over a period of more than 30 years by a British theology. and philosophy buff are tobe sold at anction, police said Saturday. Dunca Jevons, a former theology student who worked on a turkey farm, was arrested. 1993 while stealing a book in the northern city Carlisle. When police visit ed his home they were sur prised to discover that Mr Jevons, 50, had made career of stealing books accumulating a collection of 52,000 since the age of 19 Mr. Jevons' thirst for knowle edge and lack of funds led him to pilfer tomes including many highly valued rare books - not only from bookstores but also from universides, libraries, museums and churches throughout the Sentenced to 15 months in prison, Mr. Jevons agreed to cooperate with police, who were able to return some 40,000 books to their owners. The remaining 12,000 books will be auctioned. Ang. 25 in Suffolk Proceeds will compensate the police force. which had employed six men full time for two years to track down the books' owners.

Owner sues breeder for selling dog with: defective fang

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) --A dog owner has sued a breeder for \$36,326 for selling him a German shepherd with a defective fang, a newspaper reported Friday. C.G.A. Fonseka, vice president of the Malaysian Kennel Association, claimed in his suit that one of the dog's fangs fractured, decayed and fell off one year after he bought it for \$6,120. Mr. Eonseka said the breeder, Mahinder Singh Khalsa, failed to inform him at the time of the sale in 1991 that the dog had undergone an operation on its fang, the New Straits Times reported. not enter the dog, Vikas Neigus, in dog shows as a result of the missing fang. resulting in a loss to his repntation as an exhibitor. He also lost the benefit of owning a champion dog, Mr. Fonseka said in his snit. The case will be heard on Feb. 28. Mr. Fonseka is claiming damages for breach of contract, misrepresentation and

Condemned man revived after overdose, then executed

OKLAHOMA CITY (R) — Prison officials revived a condemned killer who apparently overdosed on drugs before his execution and then put him to death several bours later with a lethal injection, officials said on Friday. Robert Brecheen, 40, was executed at the Oklahoma State Penitendary for killing a woman 🕊 in a 1983 rohbery attempt. His last appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court was rejected on Thursday and, three hours before the schednled execution, be was found unconscious apparently from a drug overdose, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections said. The convict was rushed to hospital, revived and returned to prison for the execution. Prison official Ken Klinger said Mr. Brecheen spoke normally in a brief statement before dying. Oklahoma law requires that condemned prisoners be coherent to face execution. He didn't stutter, his speech wasn't slurred," said Mt. Klinger, who was present at the execution. None of Mr. Brecheen's family wit-nessed the execution, Butone of Mr. Brecheen's lawyers said an investigator sent to the prison to check whether the condemned man was lucid said "he was still disoriented" before being killed

Alleged ETA killers detail plot against King Juan

Protestant marches to be

organised by the "Appren-

MADRID (AFP) - The suspected leader of the trio, leader of a Basque commando arrested for plotting to kill Spain's King Juan carlos confessed Saturday and said if they had failed to assassinate the monarch, they would have turned their guns on Crown Prince Felipe or opposition leader Jose Maria Aznar, judicial sources said.

members of the Basque separaost movement ETA. were questioned throughont the night by anti-terrorist Judge Baltazar Garzon.

Early Saturday Mr. Garzon ordered the three held without bail on charges of plotting to kill the bead of state, membership of an armed group, possession of arms and explosives and falsifying personal and official documents.

He also ordered the arrest of Inaki Gracia Arregui, believed to be the top ETA leader, and another ETA chief Jose Javier Arizcuren Ruiz on suspicion of having masterminded the assassi-

Judicial sources said the

Jose Rego, gave Mr. Garzon a detailed account of their plans to shoot the king with a high-powered silencer during his holiday on the Mediterranean island The three were arrested

Wednesday near the royal residence in vacation Palma de Mallorca and were transferred to Madrid on Thursday.

Judicial sources said the other two members of the commando, group, Mr. Rego's son Inaki and Jorge Garcia Sertucha, refused to answer any questions.

But they said Mr. Rego confirmed that the main objective of the plot was to kill the king and that the assassination had been planned for Sunday.

Failing that, the sources said, their next target was the king's son and heir Felipe, who, with the rest of his family, was spending the summer at the royal palace in Palma de Malior-

Their third target was Mr. Aznar, head of the Popular Party (PP) and likely successor to Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez in npcoming elections, who escaped an ETA assassimacion attempt in Madrid in April. Mr. Rego reportedly told Mr. Garzon that his team, stadoned in an apartment near the royal holiday residence and yacht, bad had Juan Carlos "in their sights" on three occasious between August 4 and 6 hut did not fire due to the heavy police presence in

The judicial sources said final details of the plan were worked out between the Rego, Arregui and Ruiz trio at a meeting in May in the southern French city of Toulouse.

The Spanish authorities believe the ETA's decision to target the highest echeloos of the state is a response to recent police successes which have considerably weakened the

Russian parliament sets stage for December poll

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (R) — An Afghan militia commander holding seven Russian airmen said on Saturday he would allow a seriously ill captive to be flown out of Afghanistan for treatment if his company provided a replacement.

"We told the company five days ago that this man was sick and we agreed then to let the exchange take place," Mullah Mohammad Ali Khan, a commander of the Islamic Taleban militia, told reporters.

A doctor flown in by the Sharjah-based Russian air company said engineer Viktor Riazanov, 46, was "in critical condition"in a Kandahar hospital run by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

MOSCOW (R) — Russia's lower house of parliament overturned an upper house veto of a draft law on creating con-

stituency boundaries on Saturday, setting the stage for a parliamentary election oo December 17. But the chamber failed to overrule a veto by President Boris Yeltsin on a separate draft

law on forming the upper house, or Federation Council. The failure made it unlikely that voters will also elect the upper house in December.

Deputies in the state Duma, or lower house, broke off their summer holidays to hold a special session to try to end an impasse caused by the Federamonth to reject the Duma's draft law on setting electoral

A total of 350 of the 450 Duma deputies voted without a debate to overrule the veto well over the two-thirds support required.

The draft now needs Mr. Yeltsin's approval to become law and he is widely expected Failure to overturn the upper

house's veto - which was prompted by the council's objections to some provisions of the draft law --- would have left Russia without a law defining the boundaries of 225 constituencies four months before

The other 225 seats in the Duma are to be elected on party

Mr. Yeltsin's aides had suggested the impasse could have been settled by a presidential decree. But many Duma deputies were worried that parties which do badly in the election could have used the absence of a law to challeoge the result.

The Duma failed to break another impasse over a separate draft law on the formation of the Federation Council which was vetoed by Mr. Yeltsin un Saturday. A total of 280 deputies voted to overturn Mr. About 2.006 dis angered that or South

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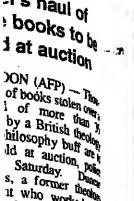
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The spokeswoman said Mr. Murayania's letter was the first written expression of remorse from Japan. "We welcome a written statement of this sort," she said. However, the Japanese o the prison to the embassy in London said the er the condition letter had merely confirmed statements made to Mr. Major during a visit to

spokeswoman embassy Mr. Murayama's apology made the front pages of

on Saturday. top-selling Sun tabloid declared in a head-

line, "At last: Japan says sorry". The Times said: "lapan makes apology for war atrocities.'

British and other allied former prisoners of war bave been calling for an apology from Tokyo for their treatment to coincide with the 50th anniversary on August 15 of the ending

spokesman for the Royal British Legion, a major veterans' organisation, as saving the lener was "a significant step forward" which should pave the way for reconciliation.

But the spokesman added that clarification would be sought over whether it represented an official state apology or Mr. Murayama's

personal view. On Thursday, the legion wrote to Mr. Murayama demanding an official apology and the payment of compensation to all who suffered at Japanese hands

The newspaper said a total

South Korean dissidents in Seoul Saturday use ropes to pull down three mock solitary confinement cells which

human rights activists claim resemble the cells in which political prisoners are kept, some of them for decades. About 2,000 dissidents gathered to protest against Friday's announcement of an amnesty for 3,169 people. They are angered that only 25 of Korea's 425 political prisoners will be released (Reuters photo)

South Korea hopeful on return of seized ship

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korean officials are optimistic that talks with North Korea in Beijing will result in the speedy return of a South Korean rice freighter and its crew held in a northem port on spying charges. television reports said.

KBS television, quoting ranking Southern officials at the talks in the Chinese capital, said an agreement could be reached "late tonight or early Sunday."

It quoted the officials as saving that a recess in the negotiations had been called to enable Northern delegates to contact Pyongyang.

The meetings in Beijing began Thursday night after Seoul sent a message of regret over the taking of photographs by a navigation officer aboard the seized freighter, the Samsun Venus. while it was unloading rice! in the northern port of

Chongjin. dv. cancelled North-South rice talks which bad been scheduled for Thursday in the Chinese capital, saying the crewman had been engaged

in a "premeditated act of The freighter was unloading 5,000 ionnes of rice under an inter-Korean agreement reached in June, which called on South Korea to ship 150,000 tonnes this year to ease the North's

accute food shortages.

However, Seoul, in its message of regret to the North over the photography incident, denied the spying charge.

It also said further shipments of rice would be halted until the crew was returned safely.

In Singapore Friday, the agent who is handling communications for the owners of the Samsun Venus told AFP that all crewmen aboard the seized freighter were safe and the vessel in normal radio contact.

North advertises gradual unification blueprint

Communist North Korea on Saturday broadcast a blueprint for gradual unification with the capitalist South under which each side would keep its own political system, but defence and foreigo policy would be shared. Because neither side want-The North on Tuesday ed to abandon its system,

they should be preserved and a confederal govern-ment formed, the North's mouthpiece Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) monitored in Tokyo said in a nine-page government "memorandum."

"The confederal government should merge the armies in the North and the South and found a single national army," it said adding that foreign policy too, would of necessity have to be unified.

"The foreign policy of the unified state, in which the two regional governments of the North and the South are on an equal footing cannot represent only the position of one side," it said.

memorandum's The release coincided with the August anniversary of liberation from Japanese colonial rule, when activists in the South, and the North's propaganda machinery, traditionally step up their calls for unification.

It also came as South Korea's Red Cross appealed Saturday for a resumption of contacts to belp reunite thousands of divided families, and amid a tentative thaw in relations between Seoul and Pyongyang, following the signing of the October nuclear accord in

Since then bilateral trade contacts have stepped up rapidly and the South has agreed to belp bail the North out of a food crisis with emergency rice.

Calling the new unified state the "Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo," the memorandum recalled the rare 1991-2 thaw in usuallybostile South-North relations and said that mechanism could be used to set up a federal government. "A framework for peace was arranged," in 1991 and if inter-Korean dialogue is resumed "the already established institutional devices will come into operation," it said.

But the blueprint cauuoned that there was no need to move too fast, saying that because the two Koreas had been divided for half a century "under this condition it may be difficult to found a confederal state of a perfect type all at once."

"So reunification through confederacy should be achieved even at a low stage" with the appearances of a single state "gradually promoted one by one".

However the measured tone of the memorandum turned shrill, observers noted, when it referred to the South's national security law, which outlaws those espousing communism or praising the North's system.

Calling the law a "vicious means for fascist rule" and the "biggest obstacle to unity" in that it defined the North as "the enemy", it said unification could not be acbieved if the law continued to exist.

It also insisted that the Korean armistice agreement be replaced with a peace treaty between Pyongyang and Washington, which maintains 37,000 troops in South Korea as a deterent against the North's million-plus-strong armed forces.

U.S. cautions China on planned missile tests off northern Taiwan

WASHINGTON (Agencies) The State Department caudoned China on Friday that its planned missile tests off Taiwan would not contribute to peace and stability in the region.

The People's Liberation Army said in Beijing on Thursday it would carry out guided missile and live artillery exercises off northem Taiwan from August 15-25, the second such round of tests to be held in the East China Sea in less than a month.

"We believe this test does not contribute to peace and stability in the area," State Department David Johnson told journal-

ists. Asked if Washington was concerned by possible disruptions to navigation and civil aviation, he said, "I think our principal concern has to do with the effect this could have as a contribution or not a contribution to peace and stability in the

'Washington bas sought to promote stability in the Taiwan strait because this is in the interests of the United States, the People's Republic of China, and Taiwan," Mr. Johnson said.

Analysts in Beijing said the new round of exercises appeared to be routine naval manoeuvres exploited by Chinese authorioes to maintain pressure on their nationalist rival, Taiwan.

China fired six missiles at

a splash zone 150 kilometres off Taiwan from july 20-26, in what was seen as a protest against a visit by Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui to the United States the previous month.

China views Taiwan as a breakaway province and objects to any moves that appear to bolster its international stature.

Sino-American relations have been sorely strained as a result of Mr. Lee's U.S.

China to respect freedom of navigation

in another development, China agreed Friday to respect freedom of navigation in contested areas of the South China Sea, despite a longstanding Chinese claim that the body of water is adomestic sea.

In a joint statement following two days of talks, China and the Philippines agreed that disputes in the area should be settled "without prejudice to the freedom of navigation in the South China Sea."

Unlike the five other nations which claim all or part of the Spratly islands, China claims the entire South China Sea.

The Chinese claim has been a source of Japanese and American concern because Chinese control could restrict not only navigation through the waters hui also flights over the area. Japan receives most of its

oil from tankers which pass through the contested area. American warships often navigate the waters as well. The joint declaration fol-

lowed two days of talks between delegations led by Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Wang Yingfan and Philippine Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rodolfo Severino on conflicting claims to the Spratlys.

China and the Philippines announced a code of conduct rejecting the use of force to settle their dispute over the islands.

The two sides agreed to resolve the conflict using international law, including but not limited to the United Nations convention on the Law of the Dea.

In addition to China and the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Viemam and Taiwan claim all or part of the Spratly islands.

The islands are believed to be ricb in oil, minerals and marine resources.

During the talks, China proposed joint oil and gas exploration in the Spratlys, but Severino said the suggestion required "a great deal of consideration" because of the legal and technical issues involved. Neither side specified where the exploration might take

place. The two sides did agree to promote joint cooperation in the protection of the marioe environment, meteorology, navigational safety, piracy prevencion, and research.

This cooperation builds upon measures taken at a series of meetings bosted by Indonesia.

"We hope this could be the basis of a code of behaviour that could be observed on a region-wide basis," Mr. Severino said.

The Spratly conflict must eventually be resolved by all the claimants, he said.

China detains Christian activist

In another development, police in Shanghai have rejected a lener of invitation from Columbia University for ailing dissident Yang Zhouto go to the United. States to seek medical treatment, his wife said Friday.

Also Friday, a human rights group reported that a Christian activist missing since early this week was detained by police in Bei-

jing.
Shanghai police had earlier told Yang Zhou's wife, Li. Guoping, that they would swiftly process the couple's application to go to the Unit-. ed States upon seeing a letter of invitation.

Mr. Yang, 50, was released last month on medical parole from a three-year labout camp sentence after camp. doctors suspected he had a tumour in his throat.

Tamil rebels reject government peace proposals

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Tamil rebels bave rejected the government's plans to end a 12-year-old war, saying President Chandrika Kumaratunga is fighting the rebels while talking

In their first official response to the governannounced last week, the rebel spokesman said Friday: "This proposal is a plan of betrayal...It will lead to a long term battle."

Spokesman Anton Balasingham's comments at a news conference in the guerrilla stronghold of Jaffna town were broadcast over the rebel's clandestine radio station. Voice of the Tigers. according to residents in northern Sri Lanka reached by telephone Saturday.

President Chandrika • Kumaraninga, who came to power last year on a promise to end the war, promised to create a loose federation of

states with more autonomy. But she insisted government troops will continue to fight the separatists, saying: "The only channel of comcon they (rebels) have accepted is the barrel of the gun."

The rebels want to carve out a bomeland for the minority Tamils in the north and the east, complaining of discrimination in jobs and education by the majority Sinhalese.

Friday's radio hroadcast quoted Mr. Balasingham as saying: 'The government must understand that the critical situation now arisen hy the proposals...li must take the responsibility of the serious consequences that are going to arise." He did not elaborate. The Liberation Tigers of

Tamil Eelam said the government is trying to create a diviston among the Tamils. "Chandrika's government must know that the LTTE Tamil people," it quoted Mr. Balasingham as saying.

He said the government is showing "an image to the Tamil people proposing to the devolution of powers," but was actually trying to

chear the minority Tamils. Under the government's proposals, the eight regions, including a Tamil area, would have their own elected governments, courts, police and power to raise

foreign loans and aid, The proposals will soon be forwarded to a parliamen-

tary committee that is writing a new constitution. It will then be voted in parliament, and in a referendum. has refused to discuss the

President Kumaratunga peace package with the Meanwhile, a Tamil gov-

ernment minister who created a controversy by suggesting that the rebels be asked to govern the north and the east, now wants the peace proposals to be formally sent to the guerrillas.

Minister Savumyamoorthy Thondaman said the government was fighting the Tigers and should, therefore, send them a copy of the peace proposals.

British war veterans cautious over Murayama's apology

LONDON (R) - British war veterans gave a qualified welcome on Saturday to Japanese Prime Minister Murayama's Tomiichi expression of profound remorse to Britain over Japan's treatment of prison-

ers during World War II. But many veterans said it did not go far enough because it appeared to be a personal apology rather than one from Japan as a whole. They also noted it did not make any mention about compensation.

"It seems to be a personal apology, which is just a way of geming round the problem. It is an apology from Japan the country that we are interested in Harold Payne, president of the National Federation of Far East prisoners of war, told reporters.

A British government spokeswoman said on Friday that Mr. Murayama had sent a letter to Prime Minister John Major expressing profound remorse for Japan's actions in a certain period of the past which caused such unbearable suffering andsorrow for so many people.

Tokyo two years ago.
"This letter does not change the basic and longstanding position of the Japanese government," an

many British newspapers

of the war in Asia. The Guardian quoted a

during the war," Guardian said.

of nearly 50,000 imprisoned in the Far East during the

Britain's opposition Labour Party welcomed Mr.

Murayama's apology. "It is important for Japan as well as Britain that the Japanese sbould admit and condemn their forces wartime atrocities,' Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Robin Cook,

"Japan must now follow this up by accepting the claim for compensation by the former prisoners of war," he added.

Japanese minister apologiscs to colleagues In Tokyo, the most recent cabinet minister to rile Japan's Asian neighbours by playing down his country's responsibility for war atrocities apologised to his government Friday for causing the flap, officials said.

Education Minister Yoshinobu Shimamura triggered blistering responses from China and South Korea by suggesting earlier in the week that Japan's government does not need to apologise for its wartime behavtour.

the feelings of South Korean and Chinese people with my remarks," Kyodo news service quoted Mr. Shimamura as telling other cabinet members. "My view on the war is the same with that of Prime Minister Tomiichi Muravama.

"I apologise for hurting

Report: Japanese cult planned to make 70 tonnes of nerve gas

ing nerve gas in Tokyo's subways planned to make 70 tonnes of the highly toxic substance. a newspaper reported

Friday. Since a minuscule amount of pure sarin can kill a person, 70 tonnes would have been enough to wipe out many thousands of peo-

Police would not comment on the report in the Asahi Shinibun, a major national newspa-

Many senior members of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, including guru and founder Shoko Asahara, have been arrested and charged with murder in the March 20 subway attack, which left 12 people dead and more than 5,500 others sick-

ened.

The scope of the cult's apparent plans for bringing Armageddon to Japan has gradually emerged in the months following extensive police raids on the cult's Police compounds. seized hundreds of large drums filled with chemteals and found several chemical processing facilities.

The cult is also sus-

pected of having pro-

TOKYO (AP) — The cult accused of spread- the cult also may have been behind several kidnappings and the near-fatal shooting of Japan's top police offi-

> Sarin is a clear liquid that evaporates on contact with air, producing a poisonous gas. Police believe the cult used about six liters in the March 20 attacks. The cult is also accused of having used the gas in a June 1994 attack in the city of Matsumoto that killed seven people.

> The Asahi said the cult had finished setting up its chemical lab in 1994 but destroyed some sarin already made along with some musgas following tard that sarin reports residue had been discovered near the compound.

The newspaper attributed the information to several top cult leaders under police interrogation, including chief chemist Masami chemist Tsuchiya.

Separately, Kyodo news service said that a group of relatives of victims from the matsumoto attack filed a lawsuit against the cult Friday seeking 550 million Yen (\$ 5.9 million) duced other nerve gases in compensation.

Prime minister: Western democracy yet not suited for Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Western-style democracy is not suitable for Cambodia because the people are preoccupied with obtaining food, shelter and other necessities of life, a

Cambodian leader says. "It is easy to preach or advocate democracy when one is living comfortably in a fully air-conditioned villa or mansion," said co-Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh in a statement

seen Friday. "But what about the rural poor people," he said. "To them, and there are millions like them in Cambodia, democracy is just a phrase to be talked about in idle gossip. It does not ensure foodfor their stomach nor an end

to their plight." The prince said many groups in Cambodia today, including the Khmer Rouge guerrillas, try "to take advantage of the democracy issue and turn the country into another killing field." Such logic - the need for basics of life and for nanonal stability -- has been used frequently by Asian and African leaders over the

years to justify the lack of

freedoms in their countries.

Cambodia had been ruled by autocrais — including the murderous Marxist Khmer Rouge - unol a 22,000-member U.N. peace keeping mission tried to instill Western democratic values in 1991-1993. Prince Ranariddh's government emerged from the May 1993 U.N.-organised election, but critics including Annesty International say significant elements authoritarian

Prince Ranariddh, a for-

his comments in a statement issued Aug. 3. It was unclear if there was a connection but that was one day before the arrival of Secretary of State

Warren Christopher. "Democracy means food for the people's stomach, shelter, education, medical facilities and basic amenities and the freedom to express and move freely." Prince Ranariddh said. "This is democracy in the Cambodian sense.

Journalists "must be selfregulatory and the Western brand of democracy and freedom of the press is not applicable to Cambodia."he

Prince Ranariddh said a recent press law was needed because 'journalists have proven in the past that they are easy prey to manipulation and force, and they are their own worst enemies."

mer guerrilla leader, made Gang rampages through Pakistani village killing 13

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A criminal gang went on a rampage through a southern Pakistani village killing 13 people, including two women, who held the Koran on their heads while pleading for their lives, news reports said Saturday.

"The criminals did not even listen to the mercy pleas of women who had come out of their bouses with the Holy Koran on the beads," according to eyewitness reports carried in the independent English-language daily newspaper. The News.

The massacre was report-

edly to avenge the death of gang members killed two months earlier by residents of Abdul Latif Mumnani village, set on the banks of the Indus River in Southern Sindh Province, reported the state-run news agency, the Associated Press of Pak-

According to news reports at least 25 gunmen, armed with hand grenades, automatic weapons and rocket launchers, surrounded the village Friday. The killing spree went on for 30 minutes, according to eyewitness reports.

Another 15 villagers are in

serious condition, most of them with gunshot wounds. said the news

The rugged interior of

Southern Sindh Province is . notorious for its criminal gangs, who regularly loot villages and kidnap people, . including foreigners. The rugged terrain and

thick forests have made interior Sindh a haven for criminal gangs.

In the past the army was... deployed in interior Sindh in an attempt to curb the soaring crime rate. Last December the army was withdrawn ... and so far this year the number of kidnappings is down.

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People come first

WHEN THE international community amassed its troops to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991, Jordan was a lonely voice in urging an Arab solution to the conflict. Though it was among the first countries to condemn the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Jordan held firm against causing the Arab region more suffering by correcting a wrong with another wrong. Jordan's stand was predicated on its belief in, and concern for, protecting the interests of the Arabs, whether they are Iraqis or Kuwaitis. Though the price Jordan paid for its stand was enormous, Jordanians never regretted their country's stand because their principles are not there to compromise on and we are not a people for sale.

It is against this background of concern for the interest of the Arab people everywhere that Jordan's decision to grant political asylum to former Iraqi Minister of Industries Hussein Kamel Hassan should be seen. Gen. Hassan is a son-in-law of President Saddam Hussein who had held many a sensitive and influential position in Iraq. He thus knows of the support that the Kingdom has been giving to the Iraqi people whose suffering has reached intolerable proportions. So when he, himself part of the Iraqi regime, became convinced of the urgent uced for change to end the miseries with which the Iraqis are living ou daily basis, Gen. Hassan, along with his brother and their wives, President Saddam's two daughters, fled to Jordan to tell the world that enough is enough, that the Iraqis should not have to suffer any more.

No-one can deny the sensitivity of Jordan's decision to host the Iraqi guest and allow him to speak out against the grave mistakes that his father-in-law's regime has committed to the detriment of Iraq and its people. But not many should be surprised at Jordan's willingness to accept dealing with the consequences of this awkward situation because no-one should expect the Kingdom to turn its back on a plea for help aimed at alleviating the suffering of an Arab people.

Jordan has repeatedly asserted its adherence to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. But it has stressed more vehemently its concern for the well-being of other Arabs, for democracy and human rights everywhere. Gen. Hassan came to Jordan seeking political asylum. The Kingdom granted him his request in line with a tradition of welcoming all Arab nationals in need of safety and protection. In Jordan, the general chose to speak out against the damaging effects that the policies of the Iraqi regime has had on Iraqis. He believes the time has come for that regime to go, for the Iraqi people to live peacefully in the community of nations. It is his right to do so, and Jordan granted him that right, even though the situation is sensitive, precarious and dangerous. He, a long time of confident of the Iraqi regime, should know what he is talking about.

Jordan, meanwhile, can only continue its policy of extending help to any Arab country or individual that ueeds it. What the Kingdom is most concerned about now is the well-being of the Iraqi people as a whole. It is up to the Iraqis themselves to decide how the Kingdom can be of assistance to them in their hour of need.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Dustour daily urged Hussein Kamel Hassan, the former Iraqi minister of minerals and industries and head of the military industrialisation programme who defected to Jordan, not to reveal any of Iraq's secrets to the West. Even if he told lies the United States and Rolf Ekeus, the head of a U.N. team responsible for dismaniling Iraqi's weapons, would find in his statement an excuse for maintaing the sanctions on Iraq, causing greater sufferings for its people, said Taher Al Adwan. The writer expressed the view that Hussein Hassan has defected for personal reasons and due to disputes with the Iraqi leadership and not because of political differences since he has assumed a key position in Iraq. He said the defection of a handful of senior officers would not shake the military leadership in lraq but these officers' statements, whatever nature they would have, would be employed as a tool by the West to perpetuate the sanctions. Hussein Kamel Hassan could if he chooses, remain silent and save his people further sufferings and could opt to utter statements that would be used as a weapon by Washington against the Iraqi people and prompt the Security Council to extend the sanctions for

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily Saturday discussed industrial pollution in the Ruseifa and Zarqa areas which he said has been a source of danger to the whole country. A recent visit by concerned ministers to the factories set up in the two areas revealed that the environment situation is in grave danger due to the waste dumped by the factories into the Zarqa River, which flows into the King Talal Dam that supplies water to the farmlands in the Jordan Valley, said the writer, Nazih. The question of pollution resulting from these factories had long been discussed and the factories were ordered to install special equipment for treating the waste, but, according to the ministers report, most of these factories have failed to comply with the order, continued

Sunday's economic pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Close the investment window!

OVER 40 years a stream of laws meant to encourage investment have produced no success. Five versions of legislation have so far failed to attract substantial investinvestments that took place in Jordan in the past year were in activities that are not covered by the Investment Encouragement Law and did not benefit from its generous exemptions, especially the long tax holiday.

In practice, the law acted as a large lopehole, where smart Jordanian husinessmen were able to capitalise on. They were able to invest and make handsome profits without having to contribute a penny to the treasury.

To abolish the law, or at least to change it, was inavitable. In particular the had idea of prolonged tax holiday should be removed. This is exactly what the government is trying to do, as the new draft law is currently under consideration in the Finance Committee of the

Under the present law, the owners of projects enjoyed an absolute exemption of all taxes for five to fifteen years. Once this holiday expired, and the project was required to pay income tax on its profits, the owners would abandon it and start a new project of the same line, and a new tax holiday. In many cases they would huy the assets of the old project at an inflated price thus giving rise to capital gains in the old project which are tax exempt under the Income Tax Law, and start to redepreciate the same assets in the new project hased on their exaggerated cost to earn a current profit which is tax exempt under Investment Encouragement Law. The government used to play the role of the dump, pretending not to know what was going

The new law, however continued to provide a sort of exemption in favour of certain activities such as hotels, hospitals and transport projects, despite the fact that such sectors no more need incentives, as they are now attractive on their own, and without the treasury having to throw

On the other hand, the erroneous impression among officials that underdevelopment is confined to the southern governorates still exists. The fact is that the governorates of the north are equally or perhaps more underdeveloped. Their need to have incentives is not less than the need of Ma'an, Kerak, and Tafilah. In fact Irbid, Mafraq and Ajloun hardly know the concept of share holding com-

Again the new draft law called for the establishment of an Investment Window which did not prove its usefullness. The Investment Window is meant to relieve the new investor of submitting his her application directly to all competent authorities, on the assumption that the employees representing those authorities in the Investment Window will do the joh on his/her behalf, taking the application to their superiors and coming hack with their final decisions. The applicant is supposed to stay at home and rest assured that the fate of his application is in safe

An investor must be extremely careless to suhmit his application to the window and hope for a favourably reply. It is only natural for him her to call on the authorities concerned, accompanied by his/her expert assistants and consultants to speak to the officials face to face, see their reservation and respond to them, and discuss conditions if

The Investment Window does not eliminate the steps of the licensing process, it does not reduce the number of signatures required. All that it does is to expect the investor to delegate the joh to the employees representing the ministries and departments concerned, to follow up his/her application with their respective ministries and departments. It is a disservice that no really motivated investor would accept. Even decision-makers to the ministries and departments concerned would not like to look at dead papers and make a crucial decision without having to enquire from the investor about certain aspects of his project, and without discussing issues with him, just to save time and come up with a reply within 30 or 60 days. It is safer under the circumstances to give a negative reply because some paper or piece of information may be

Our deputies in the Parliament should kill this had idea of Investment Window because it is counterprodutive.

Clinton suggests Iraqi regime losing its grip; some experts doubt

By Robert Burns The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is portraying the defections of two of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's daughters and their husbands as evi-dence that the Iraqi leader is losing his grip, but some private analysts say the meaning is far from clear.

President Clinton on Thursday publicly praised His Majesty King Hussein for granting the defectors. asylum and said he had the United States would come to Jordan's defence if Iraq threatened military re-

At the Pentagon, spokesman Ken Bacon said an Iraqi military move against Jordan appeared unlikely, but that whatever Iraq's response, the 20,000 U.S. troops in the Gulf region were "highly ready and highly mobile." Mr. Bacon said the Pentagon was "decidedly not" moving or increasing its forces there.

The defectors were two of President Saddam's daughters and their husbands, Hussein and Saddam Kamel, who are hrothers. At least two dozen military officers also left and were given asylum

in Jordan. The Kamel hrothers are paternal cousins of the Iraqi president and are members of a tribal faction that

has been at odds with President Saddam in the past over issues involving money, power and foreign policy, said Kenneth Katzman, a specialist in Iraqi affairs at the Congressional Research Service.

The Kamels were impor-

Kamel Al Majid was fired Wednesday as industry ministry; be had been head of Iraq's weapons programmes. He was known to have differed with President Sad-

He was accompanied by his brother Saddam Kamel. a colonel in the missile forces.

At a White House news conference, Mr. Clinton said he interpreted the defections as a vindication of the U.S. stance on keeping U.N. economic sanctions

against Iraq.
"I think what these defections demonstrate is just how difficult things are within Iraq now and how out of touch Saddam Hussein has become with reality, how difficult things are for his people," the president said.

The United States and its allies fought the Gulf war in 1991 to reverse Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, and since then, the United States has sought to moti-vate President Saddam's closest military officers to revolt. Mr. Clinton has held

off Russia and some U.S. allies in maintaining economic sanctions designed to wreck the Iraqi economy. So it was no surprise that

administration officials

were quick to interpret the

defections as a sign of furth-er weakening of President Saddam's grip on power. Mr. Katzman, however said he strongly doubted the defections suggested an intention to try to over-

throw President Saddam, or even that they represented more than a temporary rift rooted in a dispute over money and the degree of Iraqi compliance with U.N. resolutions imposed after the 1991 war. This is hasically a family

squabble," the congressional researcher said. "In my view, there are not broader implications." Michael Eisenstadt, a

Middle East expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said he, too, believed it was too early to draw hard conclusions, except that the defections showed "increased distress" among the Iraqi

Peniagon spokesman Bacon said U.S. intelligence had picked up indications of "some preparations" by Iraqi Republican Guard military units in their garrisons, hut concluded, these do not seem to be threatening at this time." He said some ranks or artillery had been moved out of

sheds but "haven't gone; anywhere." It was too early to know what these preparatory

moves might mean, he said. "They might just be preparing to repaint a couple of howitzers or something. I don't know, Mr. Bacon said. The 20,000 U.S. troops in

the region include sailors and naval aviators aboard 19 warships, including the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier battle group, Mr. Bacon said. A large number of air force warplanes also are on standby there. In what Mr. Bacon said

was strictly a coincidence, about 2,000 U.S. marines are on their way to the Red Sea waters off Jordan for a training exercise with Jordanian forces that is scheduled to begin Monday and last through the end of the month.

The marines are members of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. which has been deployed in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. They are aboard four amphibious assault ships, including the USS New Orleans, a helicopter landing ship.
The exercise, code

named "Operation Infinite Moonlight." has been in the planning for months as part of a routine series of U.S.-Jordanian joint manoeuvres, said a Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Campbell.

do not make neighbours of enemies — When they created Albania in 1912, European By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press

BY THE point of a gun or the points of a peace plan, the object of the bloody game in Yugoslavia is to carve up territory into ethnic slices. But what the mapmaker's "peace," experience shows is often no peace at all. A lightning offensive hy

the Croatian army has now driven tens of thousands of Serbs from their homes in Croatia, uprooting yet one more population in the end-lessly tragic Balkan conflict. Croatia's leader says the

victory will allow him to negotiate a peace. Mediators have the maps ready: Their schemes for an ethnic gerrymandering of Bosnia could be magnified into a grand, detailed settlement for all disintegrated Yugoslavia.

But a glance down the road in the Balkans, across the Mediterranean to Israel, east to India or to many other troubled lands around the globe would disillusion anyone who believes drawing a line on a map can transform mortal enemy into good neigh-

One canny American politician — of a generation that never heard of "ethnic cleansing" — fore-saw the mischief mapmakers might do.

Accompanying Woodrow Wilson to the post-World War I Paris peace conference, secretary of state Robert Lansing grew alarmed at his president's emhrace of 'self-determination'— the idea that each "people" in Europe; and the Middle East had a right to its own

states That sounds good on paper, Mr. Lansing con-fided to his diary, but "it will raise hopes which can never be realised. It will, I fear, cost thousands of lives. ... What a calamity. that the p uttered."

Adolf Hitler disagreed. Twenty years after the Paris conference, when his army marched into Czechoslovakia, the Nazi leader explained he was enforcing Wilson's 'selfdetermination" for the German minority there.

And a half-century after that, as the Yugoslav army and Serh militias rolled across the map of Croatia and Bosnia, their stated mission was to protect the "self-determination" rights to Serb minorities in those breakaway republics.

The problem with selfdetermination is that "peoples" are not distributed across the landscape as neatly as a cartographer's pinks and yellows. Serbs live among Croats who live among Muslims in the for-mer Yugoslavia. And new lines on the map leave too many on the other side:

statesmen left out half the Alhanians. Their region; Kosovo, remained under Serbian control. It could be the next Balkan flashpoint. — The "answer" to the Irish question in 1921, the carve-up of the island, put an unhappy Catholic mmority under Protestant domination in the north. The troubles" resumed in

— The hloody breakup of Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan in 1947 left monumental loose ends. One follow-up war spawned Bangladesh. Another goes on in Indian Kashmir. And India still has 100 million Muslims within its borders. — The meticulous maps

to segregate Arab and Jew in Palestine in 1948 exploded into a half-century of war.

One-sixth of the global population, about 1 million people, belong to 292 groups that suffer systematic discrimination or have taken political action against the states that claim to govern them

And, as Palestine shows, even when people are pushed somewhere over the harizon, their memories: cannot be "cleansed," too_ myoung Palestinian refugees in Syria still carry the key to the family house lost in Haifa two generations ago. Are the Serbs expelled last week likely to forget Knin, or the Bosnian Mus-

lims to forsake Zepa?

No one offers muck so tions to these deep-rooted problems. But scholars who study such things say a start can be made by recognising that ethnic hatred is not some unstoppable force of nature, but often a crude tool used by political leaders to gain their own ends. Only other political leaders can stop them.

The Yngoslav kaleidoscope will settle someday on a pattern, temporarily. But Serb, Croat and Muslim will merely be yielding the headlines to others.

One-sixth of the global population, about 1 million people, belong to 292 groups that suffer systematic discrimination or have taken political action against the states that claim to govern them, according to the National Science Foundation's "minorities at risk" project.

The mapmakers have hard work ahead of them.

Spanish right looks to rise from Franco's ashes

MADRID - Spain's hardline nationalists, angered by the country's political malaise, say they are finally reemerging from the 20-year shadow cast hy Enrope's last right-wing dictatorship.

Earlier this year, four parties put aside longstanding differences to form the Alliance for National Unity (AUN), defining it-self as "a radical nationalistic Spanish movement." The AUN wants abortion

outlawed, regional parties seeking antonomy from Spain hanned, and the death penalty reintroduced for convicted terrorists. It has launched a campaign of street posters and public meetings to widen its

appeal and belp shrug off

the staid legacy of General

Francisco Franco's 36-year

The AUN says its forthright policies are striking a chord with young Spaniards

fed up with endless corruption scandals and mounting social problems.

"We're attracting sup-port more quickly than we imagined when we formed in March," said Jose Luis Corral, director of the Spanish Catholic Movement (MCE). "Interest in the alliance has been overwhelming.

The MCE spearheads the alliance with the Spanish Social Movement (MSE) led by Ricardo Ynestrillas. To be radical is not such a bad thing," Mr. Ynestrillas told Reuters. "People confuse radicalism with vio-

lence or tyranny... and they are not the same at all." intr. Ynestrillas says the AUN is not a rightist move-ment, although his own farright antecedents are clear.

He counts "Franco and the founders of national socialism" as political mentors and a portrait of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, a founder of Spanish fascism. hangs on his office wall. Francisco Franco, without any shadow of doubt, was the greatest statesman of this century," Mr. Ynes-trillas said. "But I'm not a Francoist. I believe Francoism died when Franco died. We have to move on from Franco. He says Spain, with the

highest unemployment rate in the European Union (EU), a burgeoning crime rate and a government looking shakier everyday. needs a popular nationalist movement similar to Jean-Marie le Pen's French National Front.

"I only wish we had a Le Pen in Spain who could defend our interests as well as he has defended the interests of France," he said.

Some rightists have seen Mr. Ynestrillas as a Spanish Le Pen. The son of an army officer murdered by Eta guerrillas (Basque homeland and freedom) in 1985, he recently served two and a haif.

years of a 153-year prison

sentence for allegedly kill-

ing a radical Basque politi-

He was freed after a concerted campaign from the far right forced the state to review his case. Staunch advocates of

Spanish unity, Mr. Corral and Mr. Ynestrillas say the state must take drastic measures to stamp out ETA.

"When ETA terrorists get out they carry on killing... it would be better for society if they were dead," Mr. Ynestrillas said. "We defend openly, cleanly and sincerely the death penalty for serious political crimes.'

Moderate Basques and Catalans from the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and Convergencia I Unio (CIU) are also AUN

"Parties like the CIU and the PNV, whose goals include independence from Spain, should be out-lawed." Mr. Ynestrillas said. "I think the liberal system may come to be seen in time as one of the most tyrannical that ever ex-

LETTERS

The midnight caller

To the Editor:

WOULD to complain about a problem that has been plaguing us over the past few months. The problem is driving as crazy and we would appreciate it if the law or whoever it concerns could put an end to a problem involving a sick-minded person. It all started in the month of May and to this day we continue to receive phone calls. between the bours of 2.30 a.m. to 3.00 a.m. from a man who talks filthy into our telephone. We are woken up from our deep sleeps only to hear a man say the rudest things into our ears. This is driving us crazy as we have been receiving his phone calls non-stop all this time.

How can a person in his right mind do such a thing over and over again? I know this man must be gravely ill at a mental level but we are also being driven mad by his

consistent obscenity and disregard for our privacy. Perhaps if I could meet this person, I would ask him if he would like someone doing the same to his mother or sister. Whoever you are, don't do to others what you don't like. being done to you.

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falls from grace. South Korea, and its dynamic Asian twin. Taiwan, exert a powerful influence on the imagination of the British right. Here are living exemplars of the triumph of free-market capitalism over all other forms of economic and social organisation, and Britain should aim to emulate them. While other foreign models, such as the German financial system or the Swedish labour market, are regarded as foreign, alien and impossible to reproduce in unique Britain. Taiwan and South Korea arc seen as home from

Putting a few businessmen behind bars for awarding themselves stock options rather than generating output and jobs is seen as an authoritarian aberration.

part of Asian culture, which does not change the basie picture. Success is due to minimal government and tegulation, low taxes and ftee trade, which they have exploited to produce a remarkable growth in ex-

Other developing countries tried to grow via a big state-led "growth push," usually behind highly protected domestie markets. Poor mites. They should have followed the freetrade example of South Korea and Taiwan. However, in the latest edition of Economic Policy, published by the Centre for Economic Policy Research, Dani Rodnik of Colombia University paints a different picture of what lay behind South Korea and Taiwan's growth miracle. It was not education, free trade and low regulation that drove the process, he says, but invest-

Far from disproving the "hig push" theory, that the state has to enter the ring and decisively change the trajectory of savings, investment and the pattern of development which otherwise gets locked into low equilibrium, Taiwan and South Korea are triumphant examples of the theory at work. Investment was held back by market failure, which lowered the

expected returns; creative

Why the Asian tigers burn so bright

Coordinated investment lies at the heart of an economic miracle in south-east Asia, writes Will Hutton

government intervention unblocked the market failure, and so triggered the

investment boons, There has already been growing recognition that the Asian success story is more complicated than free-market theorists would have us believe, with the World Bank in 1993 acknowledging that Asian gov-ernments had successfully delivered a skilled and educated workforce.

In addition, South Korea and Taiwan were helped by having few groups and firms which did so well out of the status quo that they obstructed development; there was remarkable equality of income.

Sometimes, the bank conceded, "market friendly" intervention in the economy also helped, but it was reluctant to give its seal of approval to such politically incorrect notions. Exports and an "outward orientation" were the real keys to success.

Mr. Rodrik's account goer much further, and is theoretically more interestrisk; a government-induced rise in the stock of capital ing. Exports could not have will automatically lower this been the driver of growth. he argues, because they rate of return, and thus be represented such a small self-defeating because it proportion of national outwill block further investput and the spillover effects were in any case tiny. Nor Not so, says Mr. Rodrik. was the build-up of exports This assumes that the indriven by super-competitive

vestment markets are perfeerly ecordinated, so that the cost of financial capital and the returns from physical investment have arrived at the best point of balance for the economy at large. But if there are coordination failures, so that the returns from physical investment are too low or the returns demanded by finance capital too high, it is possible for investment to get trapped at low levels.

The proof that market economies suffer from widespread coordination failures is one of the battering rams of the New Keynesian economics, using new developments in game theory to drive the point home. An article by Russell Cooper and Andrew John in New

Keynesian Economics. edited by Greg Mankiw and David Romer (MIT Press). summarises the principal arguments. In most economic situa-

tions, they say, the pay-off of any one players's action is likely to impact one another, so that, for example if all firms raise their investment, then returns rise rather than fall because overall demand rises. The trick is to find some way of moving from condition one to condition two, the benefits of which market prices alone cannot signal. Indeed, if there is no market incentive for any firm to change its existing strategy - which, by definition, there cannot be - the

mutual gains from an allround change of strategies can never be captured. That is a coordination failure. Mr. Rodrik says that in

the 1950s, South Korea and Taiwan were suffering acutely from such coordination failures. They had highly educated and skilled

individual firms could all be persuaded tro lift investment there would be mutual benefits, but any individual firm acting alone would find the process unrewarding. Moreover, investment returns for any individual firm were de-pressed by the cost and difficulty of finding reliable subcontractors in an only partially industrialised eco-nomy and the prospect that, having built an expensive production run, demand would be insufficient. The economies were trapped in low-output equilibriums with poor returns to new

labour torces, so that if

investment. It was an array of government interventions that broke the logjam, argues Mr. Rodrik. Critically, all were within the context of relatively open economies, so that the price mechanism allowed efficient resources allocations, and within relatively egalitarian, welleducated societies. The nationalisation of the banking system by the Koreans and the introduction of the Statue for Encouragement of Investment in Taiwan were key mechanisms for lowering the cost of capital and lengthening investment time horizons, thus unravelling the coordination problem in the financial markets.

In Taiwan, a government

agency organised the dissemination of foreign technology and best practice, taking particular care to construct chains of subcontractors in sectors and industries where Taiwan had no representation. In Korea, the government allowed the emergence of huge conglomerates, in effect allowing one group to construct its own supply Public investment set out

to ereate new industries which the market itself would not have produced, and whose establishment also generated demand for allied firms and contractors. In Taiwan, glass, cement and plastics factories were established by the state, and then handed over to private entrepreneurs; in Korea the government set which is now the world's most efficient steel produc-

Herein, argues Mr. Rodrik, is the secret of Korean and Taiwanesc success. Education and training are necessary but insufficient conditions for sustained growth: what matters is solving coordination failures, and in this context President Park's arrest of businessmen, far from being an aberration, was part of a wider process.

The Guardian Weekly

Halaib nomads caught in Egypt-Sudan row

By Khaled Dawoud

HALAIB TRIANGLE, near the Egypt-Sudan botder - The nomads who live in the desolate Halaib triangle find themselves in the midst of a territorial tug of war between Egypt and

For most of the wandeters it does not matter which country they are a part of but, after centuries of neglect, who cao offer them more services.

Egyptian officials mate that between 18,000-20,000 people live in Halaib. With the exception of the three small towns of Shalateen, Abu Ramad and Halaib, there is nothing but desert and mountains.

Just a few bedouio families and their tents, camels and goats can be seen every few miles.

We (Egypt) made them live like human beings," said an Egyptian army officer who accompanied reporters on a recent official trip to the region.
"They could only take showers once every six months before. We provided them with water and electricity.

"They (bedouins) don't have a problem with borders. They don't know wbat's going on around them and bave no idea of what has taken place (between Egypt and Sudan)," the officer added. He was referring to mem-

bers of the Basharya and Ababda tribes who have lived in the 18,000 square km desert triangle for centuries, moving between Egypt and Sudan. Most Egyptians had nev-

er heard of Halaib until Egyptian-Sodanese relations began to deteriorate in the last few years. Since then, the border triangle issue has surfaced whenever Cairo and Khartoum exchange angry words.

The latest war of words turned into à clash in Halaib in June after the

Cairo government accused

Khartoum of involvement in an assassination attempt against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. Sudan denied the

charge but relations sunk to

their lowest ebb in years. The services provided by Egypt were emphasised by tesidents provided for the visiting 100 local and international teporters to inter-

1,200 km south of Cairo. In three years Egypt has built up highways, water desalination stations, provided electricity and other basic services such as schools and hospitals.

"We are happy with the consttuction. Egypt brought us development said Nour Eid Mohammad, a 15-year-old girl. The Egyptians have fed

us, brought us water and provided us with education. But we also want the situation in Sudan to become good because they are Mus-lims bke us" said Gam'a

Ahmad, a shepherd from the Basharya tribe.

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countries the real exchange rate has hardly changed

over 30 years. It was not

strong export growth that

caused them to invest and

grow; rather it was high

levels of investment that

delivered export growth.

So wby did investment rise? Mr. Rodrik refuses to

accept the new-right view

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The people in Halaib dress like Sudanese and many of them still prefer tents to the cement bouses built for them by the Egyptian government. They have their own dialect known as Rotana, which is very different from Arabic.

One army officet said that not all Basharya and Ababda tribe members bad pledged loyalty to the Egyptian government. Some bad joined the Sudanese police force which ran the area for decades, he said.

Egypt has now confined members of the Sudanese civil administration, including police, to a small part of Halaib near the border with

Fadel Khaled, the beadmaster of the only Egyptian-run school in Abu Ramad, said a Sudanese school in the town was closed when all students moved to his school.

NATO steps closer to brink of war in Bosnia

By Jeremy Lovell Reuter

BRUSSELS - NATO, its options fast running out, has put itself on a war footing in Bosnia in the desperate hope that it will never

have to take the plunge.
With its emergency pullout plans safely tucked away in its back-pocket, the alliance on Tuesday spread its air umbrella over the Gorazde "safe arca" to Bihac, Tuzla and Sarajevo. The council has today

approved the necessary planning to deter attacks by any party, and I repeat any Bihae, Sarajevo or Tuzla, NATO Secretary General Willy Claes said after a meeting of alliance ambas-

"Any attacks on them will be met with the firm and rapid response of NATO airpower," he warned.

gamble by NATO and the United Nations whose past ultimatums have been shown repeatedly to hold more heat than substance. Two other governmentheld "safe areas," Srebrenica and Zepa, have already fallen to the Bosnian Serbs. "We had to agree these

steps, without them the U.N. mission's position would have been unten-able," an alliance source able,"

NATO governments know that if challenged this time they will have to carry. out their threats in full or be forced to withdraw, leaving many of their own troops dead, condemning thousands more civilians to death by starvation or brutality and risking a wider

Mr. Claes and other leaders of the 16-nation altiance have repeatedly stressed that they neither want to go to war nor to put in the estimated 60,000 extra troops needed to help evacuate the U.N. Protection Force from Bosnia and

"We urge all parties in Croatia and in Bosnia to exercise restraint and to desist from further military action," Mr. Claes said.

'We call on them to enter into serious negotiations to achieve a lasting peace throughout the former Yugoslavia.' But in order to achieve

this aim NATO and the U.N. have been forced to gear up for a more aggressive peacekeeping role than in the past but stopping just short of the kind of "peace enforcement" that overall U.N. commander General Bernard Janvier says he has neither the means nor the mandate to carry out.

Exactly how this new role will be put into practice is in the bands of Mr. Janvier and NATO commander Admir al Leighton Smith.

It will be up to them to decide what constitutes a threat to a "safe area," how to respond and, more importantly, how widely to spread their response nearby tank or troop concentrations, supply bases, comand and control centres, missile sites, radar stations, transport links or even more distant airfields. The further afield they

decide they can go, the

taking sides in the conflict and the more they risk antagonising Russia, which is adamant that the use of force, particularly against its traditional Serbian friends, is wrong.
"The air option has to be

more they risk being seen as

very carefully calibrated according to each situation that arises," one alliance source said. "But there is clearly now a greatet wil-lingness by the U.N. to use NATO air power."
One of the key deterrents

to the use of NATO air strikes in the past has been the ease with which heavily armed Bosnian been able to take isolated pockets of lightly armed U.N. troops bostage and use them as human shields.

Partly to reduce the risk of this happening in future, Mr. Janvier has begun regrouping his forces.

This may make them less effective in providing humanitarian aid - the reason the U.N. is there in the first place - but, perbaps by chance, it makes it easier to pull them out if

New army offensive in Bosnia

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ities said they would retaliate against civilian targets if the Croatiun assault did not hait, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA said. Diplomats believe Croatia

may want to push back Serb guns that can shell the Dubrovnik area in the wake of their successful recapture of the rebel Krajina last

in a move billed as "pre-venning the genocide of the Serbian people," the lower house of Russia's parliament on Saturday voted to lift economic sanctions against Serbia and impose them on Croatia.

The Duma also approved a statement accusing the West of siding with the Croats in their war with the Serbs, who are traditional Russian allies and fellow Salvs and Orthodox Christians. The statement accuses

NATO warplanes of backing Croat attacks on Serb-held areas of the Krajina region in eastern Croatia: It also accuses the United States of training the Croat armed

The actions come on the eve of a meeting between Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and Anthony Lake, President Bill Clinton's national security advisor.

Mr. Lake is beading a highlevel American delegation in Europe this week to push fot Balkan summit. Mr. Kozyrev and Mr. Lake were to meet Sunday in the southern Russian city of Sochi.

The delegation is trying to organise a summit bringing together the leaders of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia with representatives of Russia, the United States, Germany, Bri-

tain and France. The ITAR-TASS news

agency on Saturday said Mr. Yeltsin and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl spoke late Friday by telephone aboot the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. Germany supports the U.S. initiative.

After meeting with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic earlier this week, Mr. Yeltsin urged world leaders to lift sanctions on the Serbs and said Russia might lift them unilaterally.

The French newspaper Le Monde reported on Saturday, new U.S. peace proposals for Bosnia include a threat to use an international ground force of troops from Muslim countries against Bosnian Serbs if they reject

The influential newspaper said Washington also proposed to lift the U.N. arms embargo on the Sarajevo government and use Western air power against the Bosnian Serbs if they rejected a proposed territorial settlement to

the three-year-old war. Le Monde said the plan included trading the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Gorazde and widening the Breko corridor linking Serb-held territories in northern Bosnia to Scrbia.

In return Bosnian Serbs would be asked to let Muslims extend their territory eastwards in the central Saraievo area.

Le Monde said the U.S. plan, mixing concessions and threats to Bosnian Serbs, called for lifting international economic sanctions against Serbia if Belgrade forced Bosnian Serbs to accept the proposals.

If the plan failed on account of the Bosnian Muslims, it said, Washington suggested pulling out the U.N. Protection Force (UNPRO-FOR) and lifting the arms embargo on both warring

U.S.-Japan post-war alliance under scrutiny

By Linda Sieg Renter

TOKYO — The end of the cold war, the dawn of an Asian-Pacific era and trade disputes are calling into question and bedrock of the U.S.-Japan alliance which sprang from the ashes of World War II.

"The alliance may have been an artifact of the war and the past 50 years," says James Abegglen, an author and consultant who has spent much of the period since 1945 in Japan. "We might eventually look back and say it was, in

a way, an historical aberra-Michael Armacost, the former U.S. ambassador to Japan, also sees an era en-

ding.
"A new generation of political leaders is emerging who are less influenced by the lessons of the 1930s and 1940s and who ate perhaps less committed to post war international institutions and post war alignments," he says.

Some of Japan's new generations of politicians and businessmen believe Asia, not the United States, should take pride of place in determining Japanese policies.

Behind such views, in part, is a belief that the economie future rests with developing Asian countries - an opinion shared even by many who reject the notion that the Japan-U.S. alliance is outmoded and

unnecessary. 'In the past it was the American economy that helped Japan whenever we were depressed," said Akitane Kiuchi, a former diplomat and sometime advisor to the Japanese govern-

"Now it's not economically strong enough to pull us out, but Asia is, Economically, we are turning to Asia, he added. U.S. officials are well

aware of the economic forces causing Japan's firms to move output to other Asian countries to cope with the rise of the yen, and the flow of Japanese capital to help such countries moderise their infrastructres.

"You are going to see a very rapid increase in Japanese (overseas) investment," said U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce Jeffrey Gatten. "We are seeing a real shift in Japanese strategy towards making Asia a platform for their commercial policy around the world.

Some Japanese politicians, though still a minority, advocate a diplomaticcum-economic turn towards Asia which their critics say bears a distrubing resemblance to Japan's war-time "greater East Asia coposperity sphere." "Asian-ism in Japan is

springing up among econo-

mie bureaucrats tired of economic friction with the U.S. and among businessmen, but we must not forget the unfortunate history in which pre-war Asian-ism was linked to Japanese nationalism," said an article in a Japanese

foreign policy journal. Some U.S. firms. convinced that Japan's markets are too closed and too sluggish to be worth the bother have turned increasing attenuon to other parts of Chilly ties on the U.S.-

Japan Irade front, mean-

while, have boosted concerns that economic feuds book The Making of the are eroding trust and damaging the broader bilateral alliance. "My guess is that we will see a continuous series of trade problems between

our two countries into the next century," Mr. Garten said last month. The big question is whether we can improve on the way we deal with one another to resolve these dif-

Despite the doubts and irritants, many experts on both sides believe keeping the alliance on firm footing is vital, especially given regional worries about China and North Korea. "Some short-sighted peo-

ple may be fed up with the

U.S.-Japan relationship. If atom bomb. so, that would be extremely regrettable," Mr. Kiuchi said. "Maybe the nature of the telationship is changing, but the importance is still

Historian: After Hiroshima, U.S. faced nuclear turning point

By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press NEW YORK -- Hiroshima's horrors convinced U.S. and Soviet leaders that nuclear bombs could never be used again, but pressure from military men led them to build thousands anyway. says a leading American historian of the atomic age.

This "incredible disso-nance" produced a monumentally wasteful nuclear arms race. Richard Rhodes says. "It has recently been esti-

mated it cost the United States \$4 trillion Lin current dollars). That number represents the U.S. national debt as of last year." Mr. Rhodes, who won a 1988 Pulitzer prize for his

Atomic Bomb." has just published "Dark Sun: The Making of the Hydrogen Bomb," another densely detailed, authoritative chronicle of a pivotal passage in the nuclear story. 'Dark Sun" (Simon and

Schuster) offers newly unearthed information on the successful Soviet espionage effort to steal U.S. atom bomb secrets, and on the U.S.-Soviet race to build the H-bomb.

Mr. Rhodes was interviewed before he flew to Japan, at the invitation of Hiroshima's mayot, to join in commemotative events for Sunday's 50th anniversary of the destruction of that eity by a U.S.

In the aftermath of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as the Soviets rushed to duplicate the basic atomic bomb. it would have been impossihle to negotiate controls on nuclear arms, Mr. Rhodes

But "where we might have had a chance to have a reasonable discussion (with the Soviets) was in the hydrogen bomb decision," he said, because the two powers then were in rough nuc-

That was in 1949, after the Soviets exploded their first Nagasaki-style fission bomb, and U.S. atom bomb scientists debated pursuing Edward Teller's theory of a fusion, or hydrogen, bomb hundreds of times more

In October 1949, in a dramatic Washington gathering recounted in depth in "Dark Sun." the general adivsory committee of scientists unanimously opposed the "super bomb"

în a joint statement. a six-man majority denounced it as a potential weapon of genocide." Renowned physicists Enrico Fermi and I.1. Rabi called it "an evil thing considered in any light" and proposed that the United States invite all nations to join in renouncing "super bombs."

Even if the Soviets built a fusion weapon, the scientists said, the 169 fission bombs the United States had were more than enough of a deterrent.

Mr. Rhodes shows that both U.S. president Harry Truman and Soviet leaders had been appalled by the destructiveness of the Hiroshima bomb.

The day after Nagasaki. Truman ruled out further atomic bombings, saying "the thought of wiping out another 100,000 people was

too horrible," a cabinet member recorded. Truman later described nuclear war

as 'not a possible policy for

rational men.

The political leadership of both countries came to understand that these things were just too destructive to use, because you risk your own country if you Mr. Rhodes said. But the joint chiefs of staff in 1949 wanted the

"super." They dismissed the scientists unanimous advice as "foolhardy altru-What really motivated the generals. Mr. Rhodes said, was that their conventional forces had shrunk af-

saw nuclear weapons as their primary defence. In the end, Truman went along with the military, telling an aide the H-bomb at least might be a bargaining

ter World War 11, and they

chip to use with the Soviets. What's interesting. Mr. Rhodes said, "Is this incredible dissonance between what the political leaders understood and what they allowed their militaries to do.

The resulting arms race. Mr. Rhodes concludes in "Dark Sun." contributed to a U.S. decline "evident in an opptessive national debt, in decaying infrastructure and social and educational neglect."

The \$4 trillion estimate for U.S. nuclear arms spending comes from a new study by a group of Washington specialists, It includes the cost of missiles and other delivery systems. and the projected bill for environmental cleanup from weapons production.

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China keeps up export drive in Arab Gulf states

na is intensifying its drive to grab a bigger share of the lucrative Arab Gulf market that bad long been dominated by Japan and Western industrial powers, officials

said Saturday. China, which has one of the fastest-growing economies, is sending more than 100 companies to the biggest consumer exhibition in the Gulf this year after a successful participation in the 1994

The Nov. 7-11 trade fair in Dubai, the main trausshipment centre in the Middle East, will attract over 600 firms from 35 countries seek-ing to market their products от establish a durable presence in the oil-rich region.

"The exhibition is an opportunity for the participants to sell their products, discuss more business deals and find partners in the area," said Fayez Ahmad, manager of Al Fajr company, which is organising the fair.

"China is the biggest participant, sending a coutingent more than 100 exhibitors. This shows its determination to wrest a bigger market share," be pointed out.

China set its sights on the Gulf market in the mid 1980s. when it remarked on sweeping reforms to revive its communist economy.

East commercial centre in Dubai in 1986 and began sending business delegations and participating in local exhibitions in the region, where its products were previously ittle known.

The campaign has produced results, with China's trade with the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) jumping to more than \$1 billiou in 1994 from less than \$100 million a year in the mid

Official Dubai figures showed China had overshot Western countries that bad been the main exporters to the emirate. China's exports to Dubai stood at around \$800 million in 1994.

It was second only to Japan, which is still the dominant force in the GCC market despite the surge in the yeu against the U.S. dollar.

"We consider China is a newcomer to the Gulf market as other countries bave been here for decades. But as you see, trade is steadily growing and we expect further increase, given the competitive price and quality of our products." a Chinese embassy official here told AFP.

Organisers of the Dubai "Autumn Fair," which is held every year, said the event helped participants in promoting exports to the GCC, Iran and other countries as Dubai is one of the biggest reexport centres in

Dubai's trade of around \$18 billion in 1994 accounted for nearly one fifth of the total Gulf nou-oil trade. Its reexports weut mainly to Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and as far as India, Pakistan, Hong Kong and Singapore.
"The fair promises to live

up to its image as a venue to forge and renew business alliances - and more importantly — a springboard to target a \$200 billiou market for which Dubai is the traditional entrepot, while providing a window on the newest products and services," Mr. Ahmad said.

He said last year's exhibi-tion included business deals worth around \$250 million, of which more than \$50 million

The fair will exhibit a wide range of consumer items, including electronics, household appliances, construction materials, farm products, plastic and electrical carpets, garments and sanitary wares.

The other key Asian participants are Indonesia with 60 companies, Thailand with 55 companies, Pakistan with 30 firms and Bangladesh with 10

> But Brazil dropped him as its candidate in September soon after he resigned his ministerial post. Mr. Ricupero quit after telling a television reporter that he was using an anti-inflation plan to boost then presiden-tial front-runner Fernando Henrique Cardoso, now Brazil's president.

Brazilian

chosen

to head

UNCTAD

GENEVA (R) — Brazil's Rubens Ricupero, who lost

out in last year's race to lead

the World Trade Organisa-

tion (WTO) because of a

televised gaffe, is to head the

U.N. Conference on Trade

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CTAD, U.N. sources said

They said the former eco-

nomy minister had been

chosen by Secretary-General

Boutros Gbali to fill the long-

standing vacancy and give more clout to the organisa-

UNCTAD, based in Gene-

va, is the primary forum for

discussion between de-

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tions on such issues as com-

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But its importance within

the United Nations system

has clearly declined in recent

years and some would-be re-

formers of the United Na-

tions have proposed abo-

lishing it altogether and handing its responsibilities to the WTO.

front-runner last year to head the WTO, established by the

Uruguay Round trade accord

to replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Mr. Ricupero was the clear

economic development.

"I bave no scruples. The good things we publicise, the bad we hide," be was reported to have said.

Mr. Ricupero made the remarks while waiting to be interviewed over a satellite link without realising that the link had already been switch-

U.S. investment mission to Palestinian areas described as very successful

F. Atkinson Company, Inter-

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Among those the group met were Chairman Yasser

Arafat and several of his

ministers in the Palestine Au-

This was not a deal-signing trip, Ms. Levine said; the

purpose was to introduce

nian partners. The next step

is for them to put together a

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pression about the strength of

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He added, "the progress made in both Gaza and the

West Bank is very positive

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He said his company is now

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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.S. companies to Palesti-

WASHINGTON (USIA) — American business executives and U.S. officials who were members of a recent investment mission to the Middle East returned enthusiastic this week about investment opportunities in the West Bank and Gaza, focus of their week-long tour.

Speaking in separate interviews, all lauded what one senior executive described as "the entreprenenrial success of the Palestinian executive

After describing the trip as very successful," Susan Levine, senior vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), said "what everyone walked away with was the realisation that we are dealing in a world full of dealmakers, unlike some of the former centrally planned economies that have come to market-based economies."

Sbe added, "here you have people who have been operating under difficult conditions. They are entrepreneurs, they understand the art of a deal, of bow to do business and how to make money. So it's a much different kind of conversation than if you were going to a country that did not have capitalism and now you have to talk about how we make

Ms. Leviue said the members were "very excited by the possibilities here — they were talking to people who talked the same language, the language of business.

To sum up, she continued, "there are very savvy entrepreneurial businessmen in the West Bank; Gaza and Jordan; and what that means is there is a great possibility of U.S. companies doing deals with their counterparts."

In just over a week, the mission, which began on July 23 in Tel Aviv, logged some 165 meetings in Gaza and Jerusalem with Palestinian officials and business leaders

— "a 95 per cent turnout rate which showed the determination of the Palestinians," Ms. Levine said. The group stopped for one day in Amman for more meetings before returning bome.

The tour was arranged and led by OPIC, an independent U.S. government agency that provides project financing and political risk insurance to American businesses investing in more than 145 emerging economies and develop-

OPIC, a self-sustaining agency, is committed to providing "at least" \$125 million of financing or risk insurance in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, according to Ms. Levine, and "this is not the maximum but the mini-

In fact, the New York-based firm of Siguler, Guff & Co. manages an OPIC-supported \$250 million fund that will make direct equity investments in private business ventures in the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.

So far OPIC has provided support to Bucheit Interna-tional Ltd., of Ohio, for a venture southwest of Gaza City that employs more than 60 workers making precast concrete construction systems. "We gave them three million dollars of insurance,' Ms. Levine reported and OPIC is now in the midst of talks for additional financing.

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the International Business and Medical Development Corporation (IBMD). painted a gloomy picture of medical couditions in the Palestinian areas and urged additional U.S. financial aid. "Everything is less than zero, they need everything."

As a result of a meeting with the Palestinian Minister of Health, Dr. Riyad Zanoun, he is now looking into providing the first open heart facility at Gaza's main bospital. An open heart operation in nearby Israel, be pointed out, would cost a Palestinian patient about \$20,000.

project, which may or may not need OPIC financing. He also said the Palestiman . minister was interested in it Nnel Gould, special coun-"upgrading onr (health) man----agement information system so that it will be computenologies, reported that the trip was "very informative and very productive." He added, "it left a lasting imrised and centralised."

IBMD is now examining feasibility studies done by Palestinian private investors for opening two hospitals in the West Bank, and expanding the budding pbar-maceutical industry locally and internationally.

Mr. Hussein, who is of Turkish origin, said this was his first trip to the Palestinian areas but he is involved in similar work in Azerbaijan. Turkey, Morocco and Tunisia, where be is working on a regional neurological centre...

He is returning to the West Bank in a month in the hope of signing some agreements of intent. "We are determined to spend our time, energy and resources," Mr. Hussein said and went on topraise OPIC for facilitating. these high-level contacts in the region.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter, Foundation-

ARIES: (March 21 to April-19) You have obligations to attend to, which you have procrastinated about for some time, but handle them today quickly.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't try to change another person's ideas since .
it would only be a waste of time. Keep promises you'. have made.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You may feel worn out and should take the treatments which will help to restore your energies. Don't try to do everything at once.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Situations and annoyances may arise to make you impatient since you bad your beart set on having a good time.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Although the situation at home may not be so good, try to remain poised and cheerful there. Drive with care while

on; the highway. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You may feel that your life is not going as well as you would like it to, so improve it while being thankful for blessings you

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Get into any tasks which need to be completed. Forget any financial and outside affairs. Use tact and all is well.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) That plan you have may take too long to make successful, so study it more carefully before putting it in operation.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Be sure to listen to any disagreements your mate may have, but keep quiet and don't respond as yet.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A friend could ask you for a favour today but quietly refuse since this person needs to learn to be more self-reliant.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't involve yourself in any argument between a higher-up and an outsider or you could become the whipping boy.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A new acquaintance and an ally may disagree over some affair which also involves you, but keep out of it and it will soon blow

Birthstone of August: Peridot — Golden Quartz

Vice president resigns as Iran rejects free market

announced the resignation of its leading economic liberal, Vice President Massud Roghani Zanjani, Saturday, marking the end of the country's battered experiment with the free market.

The departure of Mr. Zanjani, one of several vice presidents and director of the planning and budget agency. was a victory for franian conservatives and radicals who for weeks had called for his

Mr. Zanjani, one of the architects of the Islamic regime's free market experiment herun ... 1970 had become cused him of being responsi-

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praised Mr. Zanjani for his work in the government since 1989. Radio Tehran re-

He appointed Hamid Mirzadeh, president of executive affairs and in charge of reconstruction in regions of Iran devastated by the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, as his succes-

Over the last few months the Tehran government has abandoned the policies of Mr. Zanjani and other liberals, returning to a state-led economy in an attempt to combat a plunging currency and galloping inflation.

Leaders have also sought to tame the \$35 billion which country has accrued since first falling into a budget crisis two years ago. Last May, under press-

ure from conservatives and business people, the govern-ment decided to end the free trade in currencies by fixing exchange rates and controlling the money flow.

In April, Tehran set fixed prices for some locally produced goods and stepped up its fight against contraband.

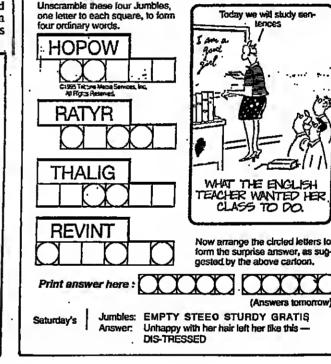
The government set up an economic police force to inspect shops and crack down on "illegal stock" and decided that a force of 320 teams of "bassiji," volunteer militias, should also supervise

Ration coupons for basic goods and other products have also returned. For the last few days, hundreds of thousands of Tehranis have lined up in front of banks to receive the coupons for food items such as oil and rice.

THE BETTER HALF By Glasbergen

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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

White cement company to expand production *line by 30%*

** THE ARAB Company for Manufacturing White Cement plans to expand its current production line to boost its capacity by 25 to 30 per cent of its present output, which reached 96,000 tonnes in 1994. The expansion is expected to take six month and, as such, should be completed in the first quarter of 1996. The company's general manager denied there was a real shortage of white cement in the market and pointed out that demand usually rises in summer months and that some traders try to double their normal orders either as a precautionary measure or to seize the apportunity of selling in the black market at higher prices. The normal price of white eement is JD 82 per tonne. The general manager admitted that stoppages for maintenance or sudden stoppages do happen but, he affirmed, that had no effect on sales as the company had enough white cement in storage to face unexpected shortages. Should stoppages be prolonged, the company would meet at least 50 per cent of the orders to deter opportunists who tend to take advantage of the situation. Noting that the Jordanian consumption of white cement is between 45,000 and 55,000 tonnes, annually; the company's chief said exports were minimal as mnany heing Jordanian-Syrian joint ven-ture, had also to cover the

** ACCORDING TO an announcement from the Companies' Comptroller, the Petra Enterprises and Equipment leasing company and the Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment Company have merged creating a new company to be known as Union Land Development Corp. (ULDC) with a JD 5 million capital. The shareholders' net equity of Petra Enterprises amounted to JD 548,705 at the date of merger, whereas the net equity of Jordan Gulf Real Estate amounted to JD 4.51 million. ULDC chairman Raja'i Salfiti expects the eapital to be further increased through another merger in the coming two years. Noting that the Union Company for Financial Invest-ments, established in 1994 with a JD 22 million capital. owned 20.5 per eent of ULDC and that the Union Group owned more than 40 per cent of the capital. Mr. Salfiti pointed out that ULDC has become the right arm of real estate investment for the union group. Current-ULDC is working on 2 transforming a huge 3-storey commercial complex in Agaba into a hotel owned by the corporation at a cost of

Syrian market. Exports to

Saudi Arabia amounted only

to 1,500 tonnes in 1994.

JD 2 million. ULDC is now also working on setting up a complex of furnished apartments in Abdoun and an entertainment city off the airport high-way. The Abdoun project will be built on 12 dunums of land at a cost of about ID 3.5 million while the entertainment project will be set up on 140 dunums opposite Al Zaytouneh University (Al Ra'i + Al Aswaq).

☆☆ A U.S. commercial delegation comprising senior officials of various companies will visit the Kingdom from Sept. 16 to Sept. 22, 1995. The delegation will look into investment and trading opportunities in addition to holding talks with Jordanian industrialists and businessmen. The visit will be taking place in cooperation with the Jordan Export Development land Commercial Centres Corporation and the Arab American Chamber of Commerce in coordination with s you, but keep of the Jordanian Trade Centre Washington (Al Aswaq)

China forms first international investment bank

BEIJING (AP) — Morgan Stanley, the U.S. investment bank, joined Chinese, Singaporean and Hong Kong partners Friday to announce they had formed China's first international investment

But questions were raised at a news conference about whether the participation of a major Chinese bank violates a new law and a recent contral government order banning commercial banks from engaging in trust and invest-

The new firm, called China International Capital Corp. Ltd., (C1CC), is a joint venture among the People's Construction Bank of China, which holds a 42.5 per cent stake; Morgan Stanley, 35 per cent and China National Investment and Guaranty Corp., the government of Singapore Investment Corp. and the Mingly Corp. Ltd., each with 7.5 per cent share. The new investment bank has total assets of \$350 billion.

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Study: Half of all U.S. bank branches will close over next ten years

NEW YORK (AP) - As many as 450,000 bank jobs will disappear in the next five years and half of all U.S. bank branches will be gone over the next 10 years as customers turn to electronic transactions, according to a study by the Deloitte and

Touche accounting firm.
Instead of visiting branches, eustomers will bank from home over the phone or through personal computers. Most will go to the bank only when they want to withdraw money from an automated teller machine (ATM), the New York-based consulting and accounting firm predicts in a study to be released next

"Very soon the average customer will rarely go beyond ATMs in bank lob-bies," Frank Woosely, national director of financial service consulting at Deloitte and Touche, said Friday. Banks will shut branches

and replace them with sales offices that cater to affluent consumers who are willing to pay for personal service. The findings come as banks

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are trying a number of ploys to encourage customers to use ATMs - already populat for withdrawing cash other electronic banking services rather than visit teller windows. It costs banks less to serve customers electronically than it does for them to pay branch employees to

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some customers are being charged for using tellers. At Citicorp, fees have been removed for ATM use and PC banking. Citieorp says that nearly 75 per cent of its customers bank electronically part of the time. A continuation of bank

mergers will also drive branch elosings, as banks combine and shut overlapping offices, Mr. Woosely said.

As a result, banks will lay off hundreds of thousands of branch employees, the firm About 30 per cent, or

840,000 of the 2.8 million U.S. bank employees work in branches, the firm estimated. Automation will replace 151,000 workers and shifts to electranie delivery of services will eliminate about an additional 336,000 jobs. .

When the new jobs created through the electronic delivery of services are factored in, the net job loss is 450,000 by the year 2,000, Deloitte and Touche said.

The findings are based on interviews with executives at 12 large U.S. banks, information gathered from the firm's bank consultants and branch and employment data from the government and industry groups, Mr. Woosley said.
The study echoes predic-

tions made by bankers and their trade groups as slow revenue growth increases pressure to reduce expenses and customers increasingly rely on ATMs and phone banking.

Several large banks alreadyhave made sharp cuts and plan more layoffs.

Chase Manhattan Corp. the nation's sixth largest bank, has eliminated 4,000 positions since 1990 and recently announced a costcutting programme that's sure to include more job cuts.

Chemical Banking Corp., the nation's fourth largest bank, is eutting 1,700 jobs and bankers Trust New York Corp., the seventh largest bank, is eutting 1,400 posi-

Egyptair delays decision on timing of bond issue

CAIRO (R) - The Egyptian government airline Egyptair has delayed a decision on when to launeh dollar bonds to help pay for the purchase of six new airliners, the company's vice-president for planning said Saturday.

"The bonds will be issued, but the timing has yet to be fixed," Abdul Moneim Osman told Reuters.

He said a three-member committee had been appointed to set the date for the first bond issue, expected to be worth \$30 million, to help partly finance Egyptair's \$700 million purchase of three A340 aircraft from Airbus Ladustrie and three Boeing 777S.

"We have enough money in our cashflow to pay for the advance instalments until de-livery," Mr. Osman said. The moment the committee decides we need (more money), they will go ahead with the bond."

The airline is due to take delivery of the first two A340s in October of November 1996 and the third probably in June 1997.

Egyptair Chairman Mohammad Fahim Rayan was quoted last month as saying Airbus Industrie had undertaken to find buyers for the airline's three old Airbus 300-B4s, which could fetch \$19 million each. It is also buying three Boeing

777s, which are expected to cost slightly mote than the new Airbuses.

Mr. Osman said the bond issue would be the first stage towards privatising the state airline, which made a massive loss of £197 million (\$59 million) in the financial year

Mr. Osman said Egyptair was badly hit by the effects of the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, but described it as "ptofitable, within international market

Inter-Arab investment over \$2 billion in 4 years — report

ABU DHABL (AFP) -Arab states have attracted more than \$2 billion in local private investment over the past four years and Egypt was the main beneficiary, according to an official report.

The investment, mainly in services, tourism, agriculture, and industry, stood at around \$2.08 billion between 1991 and 1994 and it covered 14. of the Arab League's 22 members, said the report by the Kuwaiti-based Arab Corporation for Investment Guarantee (ACIG).

Egypt, which has been locked in economie reforms, emerged as the main recepient of the investment, attracting around 50.5 per cent of the total.

It was followed by Saudi

Arabia, Jordan, United Arab velopment in the region. Emirates (UAE), Tunisia, Morocco and Oman. The report showed Sudan received no investment in 1991 and 1992 and investment in Lebanon was recorded only in

A breakdown showed \$923 million were invested in 1991 while around \$484 million were invested in 1992 and \$30 million in 1993.

The teport gave no figures for Arab investment in other countries but independent estimates bave shown internal assets are a fraction of overseas funds, which are put

at more than \$300 billion. Domestie investment has remained low despite repeated calls for repatriating overseas assets to finance deHesitant Arab investors argue the local market is relatively small, incentives and investment laws are inadequate and guarantees are not enougb. The report showed foreign

iovestment in the Arab World had steadily picked up since 1970. Between 1970 and 1974, an average \$86.5 million were invested annually while around \$371.3 million were invested annually between 1976 and 1980 and \$421 million a year between 1981 and 1986.

The figure peaked to an average \$538.7 million a year between 1986 and 1990. The report provided no figures for the following years.

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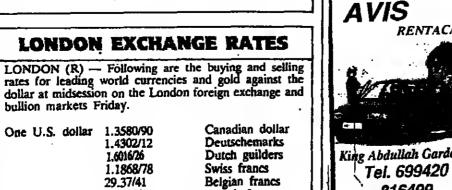
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from brink of defeat

MASON (R) — Two Michaels, Stich and Chang, came back from the brink of defeat to capture quarterfinal wins Friday at the \$1.8 mil-lion ATP championsbip, Stich over Pete Sampras and Chang over Jim Courier. Under clear skies and a full

moon, the fourth-seeded and two-time defending cham-pion Chang scrambled back from two match points down in the second-set tiebreaker to take a 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5 victory over the 11th-seeded Courier.

Earlier, in boiling beat, the eighth-seeded Stich of Germany saved a match point with an ace down the middle at 30-40 in the 10th game of the second set and ended up a 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 win-ner over an exhausted Sampras, the second seed.

The ace was one of Stich's 27 in the match of Sampras's After losing that match

point the second-ranked Sampras wilted and strained his way through a third set. "I just felt tired," Sampras said after the 2 hour, 2 minute match. "I was pretty hot

and I was struggling with it a little more than be was." The hot, humid weather didn't take a toll on topseeded American Andre Agassi, who captured a 6-3, 6-4 quarterfinal victory over 50th-ranked Renzo Furlan of

ftaly. The Saturday's semifinals feature Agassi against 13th-seeded Thomas Enqvisi of Sweden and Stich against

Chang, Sixth-seeded Goran Ivamisevic of Croatia, looking increasingly disinterested in the outcome of his match, folded to the 13th-ranked Enqvist 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

The seventh-ranked Ivamisevic was fined \$750 for an andible obscenity yelled during the match and another \$1,000 for refusing to appear at a post-match press confer-

It was obvious that the tenacious Stich, nipping at Sampras's heels, was too tum oumerous times.

Open, also at York.

would be "discreet."

event 6-3, 6-2,

Monica Seles was to arrive to prepare her

More than two years after being stahbed by a deranged German fao of Steffi Graf, Seles

was to play an exhibition doubles match

Saturday to raise funds for the Special Olym-

pics and prepare for next week's Canadian

Officials refused to say what security mea-

Seles made her public comeback last month

The weekend charity event for Special Olympics, which organises international sporting events for disabled athletes will also feature Canada's world champion ice skater

Kurt Browning. Canada's former top

women's tennis player Carling Bassett and

For many Torontorians, the Saturday char-

ity match will be the only opportunity still

television soap opera star Eric Braeden.

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with an exhibition match against former world

number one Martina Navratilova, winning the

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Michael Chang much for the American to

"It was very tense, a very light match," Stich said. "I told myself oot to give up at any stage of the match.

The first set was hotly contested with Sampras just coming through on his third set point in the tiebreaker. Such took an early lead in the second set, breaking Sampras's serve in the first game. But Sampras evened

the score when Stich smacked a backhand wide at 0-40 in the eighth game. Sampras never recovered from Stich's preventing him from taking advantage of his

one match point. "I was disappointed I had a match point and was one point away from winning it," Sampras said. 'That will sit

The fifth-ranked Chang and 15tb-raoked Courier played a 3 bour, 4 minute match that changed momen-

return to competitive tennis

TORONTO (AFP) — Security was tight at the York University Tennis Centre where open to see Seles play in the coming week. "We were already sold out for the final

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"There was a lot of catand-mouse out there," Chang said. "At the end, we were both kind of grinding it out, laying it on the line. With a match like this, you hate to see someone on the

Courier seemed in charge with a 6-3, 2-0 lead, but Chang fought back, pushing a second set tiebreaker that nearly ended the match.

short end of the stick."

"He (Chang) never gives up, never says die," Courier said. "He's a very deserving

Serving for the match at 5-4, Chang let Courier break his serve in the third set. Chang won the final two

games, but the match ended on a controversial note. Courier believed the final point, in which Chang served his 20th ace of the night, was a bad call. He dropped his racket and cap at the baseline in protest, but eventually shook Chang's band, though he ignored the umpire. Security tight for Seles'

"We were already sold out for the final

Saturday and Sunday (Aug 19-20) before Monica announced her plans to come here,"

said Tennis Canada spokesman Andrew Find-

"Then, when she announced, the other

Saturday's charity event should also given the public their first glimpse of the security arrangements that are being promised. But

ticket sales for the rest of the week - which

Findlater refused to give any advance clues.

"Security has always been a high priority with us," he said. "It will be even more so

It was during a changeover in her April 30, 1993 match against Magdalena Maleeva in the

Hamhurg Open in Germany when Guenther Parche, a 38-year-old unemployed lathe oper-

ator who wanted Graf 10 be the world number

one, leaped out of the crowd from behind

Seles and plunged a knife just below the left

with Monica back."

were already very good - picked up."

Stich, Chang come back Countdown begins for Rumman Hill Climb

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Registration for the country's most popular auto sport event -The Rumman Hill Climb closes Sunday and over 40 top competitors have already registered for the event Aug. 18. organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RACI).

Strong competition awaits drivers and fans io the competition which was initiated by His Majesty King Hussein in 1956.

At least three Lebanese participants have registered including Jean Pierre Nasrallah. In addition over 40 Jordanian drivers are taking part headed by last year's winner and Jordan Drivers Open champion Bashar Bustami and 1993 drivers champion Amjad Farrah in an Opel Manta

His Majesty King Hus-sein still holds the record for the '3 kilometre-long event which he set in bis Mercedes 190 with a time of 2 minutes 42 seconds.



Amjad Farrah

The Pepsi Rumman Hill Climb site is 30 kilometres north of Amman just off

the Jarash highway, two kilometres north of Rumman Village.



Rashar Bustami

Almost most of the Kingdom's top competitors are expected to participate as the event counts towards the 1995 Jordan Open Driver's Championship.

Samaranch promises more cash

Muster in San Marino final

SAN MARINO (R) — Austrian top seed Thomas Muster enjoyed a straight sets win over Italy's Stefano Pescosolido on Saturday to earn a place in the final of the San Marino open. Muster, playing on his favourite clay court surface, hrushed aside the unseeded Pescolosido 6-4 6-2 in a match lasting just over an hour. Pescosolido had taken his place in the last four after Spanish fourth seed Alberto Costa withdraw with a shoulder injury during the opening set of their quarter-final on Friday. Costa beat Muster in the final of the Austrian Open last week and might have provided the world number three with a sterner semifinal examina-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cantona rejects poetry chance

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Manchester United star Eric Cantona is understood to bave declined is understood to have declined an offer to take part in a poetry reading session at the Edinburgh Festival later this mooth, the club said in Friday. A press officer for the football club said: "He is not going to take part. I haven't spoken to the boy, but we got a fax through about this and sent it over to the training ground. It came back with 'no' written at the top." Gus Stewart of theatre group Damage which issued the invitation said: "We have heared nothing back from Manchester United yet. I would be disappointed to think that it has just been rejected out of band." Cantona's way with words was brought to the world's attention at a press conference after his two-week jail sentence for attacking a Crystal Palace fan was reduced to community service on appeal in March. "When seagulls follow a trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea," he said poetically before walking out of the conference.

Milutinovic returns as Mexico's coach

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Bora Milutinovic returned coach of the Mexican foothall team bere on Friday succeeding former dentist Miguel Mejia Baron who resigned after losing to the United States in the recent Copa America tournament. Serbian born Milutinovic earned the sobriquet of the "the miracle man" after coaching Mexico to the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals, tiny Costa Rica to the second round in Italy in 1990 (including a I-0 defeat of Scotland) and taking the United States to the same stage in last year's World Cup — only losing 1-0 to eventual World Champion Brazil. He played for Reims in France in 1965 and then went to play in Mexico. An unlikely playing career for one of the most successful and charismatic if eccentric coaches in international football.

Scots call up McColst

GLASGOW (AFP) — Scotland manager Craig Brown called up Rangers striker Ally McCoist into the squad to face Greece bere at Hampden Park in next Wednesday's European Championship. His recall ends a 28-month, 15-match international exile for the injury-plagued 32-yearold striker and follows injuries to Everton's Duncan Ferguson and Chelsea's John Spencer. Ferguson (groin) and Spencer (back) have been forced to pull out, leaving Brown with just three strikers — Doncan Shearer of Aberdeen, John Robertson of Hearts and Darren Jackson Hibs. Brown immediately contacted Rangers and McCoist will join the Scotland squad for their training session at Hampden on Snnday. McCoist, with 15 goals in 45 appearance for his country, has not featured for Scotland since breaking his leg in April 1993 in a World Cup tie against Portugal in Lisbon.

Italy win five-nation tournament

PATRAS, Greece (AP) - World water polo champion Italy won a five-nation tournament in Greece despite losing 4-6 to the host country in this western port on Friday. Australia and Croatia drew 9-9 in the last game of the four-day tournament played in preparation for the European Championship in Vienna later this month. Italy was the clear winner with five points. Croatia was second with four points, followed by Spain and Greece who also had four points but worse goal average. four points but worse goal averages. Australia was fifth with three points, having won only one game (against Spain) and drawn one.

Panathinalkos player extends contract

ATHENS (AP) — Croatian centre Siojan Vrancovic has renewed his contract with Panathinaikos of Athens for another year, the basketball club anounced Friday. The brief announcement did not refer to financial terms, but reports said that the player would be getting \$1.8 million

received a share of TV GOTHENBURG (R) — IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch offered at least \$25. million on Saturday to

satisfy pressing demands from athletics for a bigger sbare of the Olympic financial cake. Samaranch said the IOC was prepared to give between \$25 million to \$27 million from its share of television rights to the International Federations whose sports are represented at oext year's Atlanta Games.

He made it clear the hon's share of the cash would go to athletics but the amount is unlikely to satisfy the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

The LAAF council which met in Gothenhurg last week before the start of the World Athletics Championships decided that, as the major drawing card of the Olympics, it wanted \$100 millioo from television rights.

The IAAF said it received only \$1:5 million from television rights for the last games in Barcelona three years ago. Samaranch said the international federations already

We are ready to put on

the table a second amount of money," be said. "This is compensation for the international federations who are not taking part (in the IOC's sponsorship programme)."
He said he suggested the

money should be split among the 26 federations on the basis of the importance of individual sports but it would be up to the Association of International Summer Olym-pic Federations (ASOIF) to IAAF president Primo

Nebiolo is also bead of the ASOIF.

IOC marketing director Michael Payne said the IOC expected to receive more than \$900 million from television rights for the Atlanta Sixty per cent of this goes

to games organisers with the remaining 40 per cent divided equally between the IOC, international federations and oational Olympic commit-

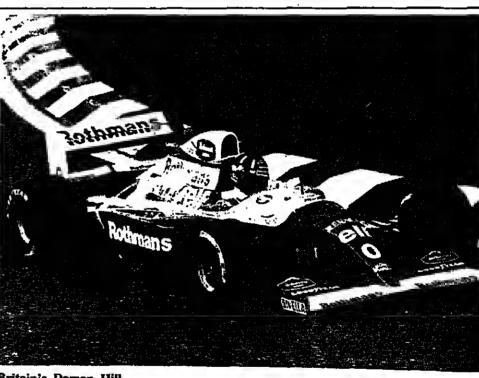
Until 1988, the IAAF took

20 per cent of the cash handed to the international federations but the ASOIF decided in 1989 the money should be equally split between all 26 sports.

Samaranch said he was pleased with the \$1.27-billion deal agreed this week with American network NBC for the U.S. television rights-for the 2000 Sydney Games and 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt

"It was a very important offer. We said yes im-mediately," he said of the NBC's pre-emptive strike, cutting out the usual bidding war between rival networks. He said the record bid by NBC did not necessarily mean the IOC bad reached a revenue peak with televi-sion income likely to fall off at the 2004 Games and beyond.

We always say we've reached the peak and that it. will go down but it's not time," he said. "Sport and the Olympics are growing and growing and becoming more important. I'm not sure it will · go down."



Britain's Damon Hill

Hill on pole for Hungarian GP

BUDAPEST (R) -Damon Hill grahbed pole position for the Hungarian Grand Prix with another dominant performance in final qualifying on Saturday. Hill, in a Williams, clock-

ed a fastest time of one minute 16.982 seconds to outsirip his team mate David Coulthard by fourtenths of a second as the Renauli-powered British learn took over the front-Hill will start Sunday's

race with a clear advantage nver defending world

champion Michael Schumacher, who leads Hill by 21 points in the title race. Schumacher, in a Benetion, qualified third despite making a belated effort to

break up the Williams pair at the front of the grid. He will share the second row of the grid with Gerhard Berger's Ferrari. The Iwo German-speaking drivers are expected to be team mates at Ferrari next

Hill has failed to win nn the five previous occasions he has started from pole this season. His last Grand

Prix success was in San Marino in April.
Finland's Mika Hakkinen, in a McLaren, was fifth fastest and Frenchman Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, sixth, 24 hours after his high-speed crash during opening qualifying.

Alesi spun off again on Saturday, as did Hill immediately after he had clocked the fastest lap. Schumacher had to throw his Benetton car through a spectacular 360degree spin at the final corner as he strove to im-

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U-22 Basketball Championship Final round begins today

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First round results came as follows: Yarmouk vs. Jeel 94-55

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the country's most interesting basketball tournaments currently underway, the Jordan Basketball Federa-tion (JBF) Saturday decided to add some spice to the event by holding a two-leg playoff round for the top four teams 10 decide the Under-22 champion.

Yarmouk. Six other teams the knockout tournament:

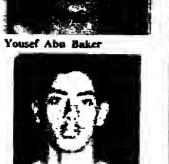
Among the usual participating teams, Homentmen and Al Hussein miss this year's competition in addition to newcomers Abu Nusair, Al Mafraq, Al

Ortbodoxi vs. Abbasi 97-52 Jaill vs. Fuheis by default

Ashrafieb were ruled out after they failed to show up for their scheduled match. According to 1995 JBF rules, players of withdrawing teams will be released from their clubs and are free to join other clubs next season. The JBF might also decide to fine these teams







Naser Alawneh This week's matches (all at Al Ahli court)

* Jazireh-Yarmouk Suo. 13/8 5 p.m.

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43-39 at balftime. Al Jazireb had won their first

leg match 82-66. The Aug. 13-24 final playoff round will enable IBF officials to single out the U-22 national team as there is an abundant number of qualified players in this age-group like Ramez Hammoudeh, Mohammad Shamali, Zeid Alkhas, Ghaith Ennabi, Yousef Abu Baker, Naser Alawneh, Ma'an Odeb, Ziyad Nabulsi, Naser Bassam, Mahmoud Sha'ban, Ihab

Msih, Hani Taher and many others. The JBF announced that

the women's competition will be held in three rounds to provide more matches as only three teams are participating this year: Titleholders Al Ortbodoxi, Al Jazireh and Al Abli.

Homentmen are missing the competition for the third consecutive year, while Abu Nusair have also not registered after substandard results in the past

Rubin upsets Sabatini at Acura Classic

MANHATTAN BEACH (R) — American Chanda Rubin upset Argentine Gab-(7-3) 6-0 and Indonesian diggest tour win of her cared by toppling American Lindsay Davenport 6-4 I-6 6-4 at

the Acura classie on Friday. Top seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain also struggled before overcoming Natasha Zvereva of Belarus 5-2; 3-6, 6-4 but second seed Conenita Martinez of Spain had little difficulty in disposing of Germany's Anke Hu-

ber 6-1, 7-5. Rubin, seeded 10th. reached her second semifinal of the year with her wellearned victory over the thirdseeded Sabarini, It was the Americans's first win in seven

meeongs with Sabatini. Rubin attacked constantly and kept Sabatini under pressure with her uninhibited groundstrokes and deep serve, but although she built a 4-I lead in the first set she committed three spectacular volleying errors at 4-2 that

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"Most times I've played her I've had chances but I didn't capitalise on them, said Rubin, who double-

I was disappointed. "In the second set I wanted to attack a little more. Towards the end of the second set and into the third I really staned to serve better.

After the first game of the final set, Sabatini .received treatment for a pain that developed in ber right heel. Rubin was determined that the distraction would not affect her.

"I just wanted to go out and keep playing the same level and concentrate on the ball. It made me a little

tougher," said Rubin. Sabatini, who had served well and struck some spectacular forehand winners, failed to compete as strongly in the final set, but refused to

lay the blame on her injury. She was coming in to the net so many times and just went for it, and she served

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very well. She played smart and deserved to win," Saba-

"I was surprised she played so well all the time, because usually she can play for some match."

In Davenport's defeat, it was Basuki's serve that did the damage. The Indonesian struck three aces in her opening service game and 10 in all, as Davenport struggled to work out where the ball was

going.
"She served really well," Davenport said. "I was holding my own serve ok, but it's so hard to break her. She mixes up the pace a lot, and I couldn't tell where she was going to go with her serve. She has a spin which is really unusual and it's hard to

read." Sanchez Vicario struggled to shake off a presistent Zvereva, eventually overcoming the sixth seed after the Belarussian staged a determined third-set comeback.

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World Athletics Championships

Sergey and Co. serve up a record feast

GOTHENBURG (AFP) -Sergey Bubka, Michael Johnson and Moses Kiptanui led from the front as the World Championships was transformed into a recordbreaking extravaganza. Athletics can never have

seen a day like it. Bubka soared to an unprecedented fifth pole vault title in a row. Johnson raced to an unequalled double over 200 and 400m. Kiptanui chased and hurdled into an elite elub

of hat-trick otle winners. German hard-man Lars Riedel joined the party immediately afterwards, matching the Kenyan with his third consecutive discus title.

And for those not already gorged on the drams and passion at the packed Ullevi stadium, there was a world record, courtesy of Kim Bat-ten, in the 400m hurdles, a tearful row between the world's top female sprinters... and the disqualifica-

Bubka took pride of place. but only following a photo-finish with the wing-beeled Johnson

The Ukrainian made sure of a niehe in history - as if his 35 career world records hadn't done that already with a no-nonsense 5.92m vietory over Maksim Tarasov of Russia, the Olympic champion, and Frenchman Jean Galfione.

So matter-of-fact that the 30-year-old only needed three vaults to do it. He answered the crowd's call for more but could not

clear a new world best of

Johnson's win, to go on top of his 200m gold after a punishing schedule that saw him race eight times in seven

days, was the more spectacu-You expect Bubks to get world records but the world had been waiting almost 16 years for Italian Pietro Menea's 19.72sec. landmark

at altitude in Mexico to fall. The Texan, diamond stud. gold chain and all, running in his incomparable backwardleaning style, missed out by a mere seven hundredths of a run of all time.

"Story of the week - very close to the world record. Aoyway, I'm exbausted," he said. "But I'm happy with my work here.' He was even more delight-

ed with the army of Swedes rooting for him here. He used to be called poker-

faced but he won friends bere with his quiet manner and "I was a little surprised.

Even when I was walking out to my blocks at the start of the week they were yelling my name," he said. 'I hadn't even done any-

tbing yet. It was like running io my own back yard."

Frankie Fredericks, Namibia's 1993 ehampion, braved a wrenched left hamstring to take silver before Jeff Williams of the United States. Fredericks kept it short "Michael is really fantastic,"

he said.

Kiptanui - who restored Kenyan pride after their 10,000m flop here - should not be forgotten, nor Riedel.

The Rift Valley rocket who says he is so unknown back home that even his neighbours do not know he is an athlete - steeple-chased away from barefoot compatriot Christopher Kosgei in 8 minutes 04.16, the third fastest time ever run and just two seconds off his own world record.

"It was very easy for me. ! could have broken the world record but 400m before the end I saw that the others were way behind, so I de-

cided to save it," he declared. Sa'ad Shaddad Al Asmari of Saudi Arabia sneaked in third when Kenya's Olympie champion Mattew Birir, poised for the first clean sweep of the games, fell flat on his face in the final lap. The Saudi so delighted his federation that they re-warded him with a Mercedes.

just as if he had won. Kiptanui's days are num-bered, however. "I think that my last steeplechase will be at the Olympics," he added.

Riedel's discus gold, built оп a 68.76m heave, saw him join the likes of Kiptanui Americans Carl Lewis (100m) and Greg Foster (110m hurdles), and Swiss shot putter Werner Gunthon — but not quite Bubka — on three world golds in a row. So where did all that leave the women?

Kim Batten of the United States wore the happy face, a gold medal and an unexpected record to boot.

Her race had been written off as a non-event following the absence of 1993 champion Sally Gunoell and the injury to 400m ebampion Marie-Jose Perec, who had been targetting a double.

Batten, who spent the start of the year night before dreaming of records, was having none of it, running 52.61 second to eclipse Gunnell's Stuttgart mark of 52.74, while her compatriot Tonja Buford also slipped under the old mark (52.62) for silver.

The sad faces were worn by Mutola and Gwen Torreoce. Murola of Mozambique, the 800m champion two years ago, could probably have won the title with her laces

But she stepped out of line too early, got disqualified and ended on the floor in tears.

It seemed a perfect echo of Torrence's trials here. She bad also stepped out of line in the 200m on Thursday to lose her medal. On Friday came the crying, following Meriene Ottey's suggestion that she bad cheated.

Who said what at the World Championships:

#"I think I'll need a lot of wisdom now because there



Portuguese Fernanda Ribeiro peaks through the 10,000m event at the World Athletics her gold medal during the award ceremony of Championships (AFP photo)

will be a lot of temptacions and snares that success will bring, that might take me off the track of what I really want to do - which is to glorify God with my life, and to be a good husband to be a good father." - Jonathan Edwards, Britain's world triple champion and world re-cord holder.

* "I've had a good time at Gothenburg." — Michael Johnson, after taking an un-precedented 200/400m doule winner.

"I think at some point in the next few years I'll take a year and just devote myself soo on bis future.

She eheated. She ran about two metres shorter than everybody else and she ran in somebody else's lane. Merlene Ottey on Gwen Torrence's disqualification which handed the Jamaican the gold medal.

"I'm very very disturbed that Meriene would make such a comment. Not as a competitor but as a mother. I've always tried to instil in my little boy that you don't have to cheat to get anything." - Torrence on

Ottey's accusation. * "Parents have to pracrise what they preach, that's what I've always believed.

I'm afraid to call my little boy because I don't want to tell him that someone said his mother cheated to win. "-A tearful Torrence on the implication of Ottey's comment. * "I work full-time, eight

hours a day as a markeong manager for the Bahamas Government. I hope they are listening to this interview and that they'll give me a year off with pay so that I can prepare for 1996." - Pauline vis of the Bahamas, 400m silver medallist.

* "No more questions about Ben Johnson." - Donovan Bailey, Canada's new 100m world champion.

☆ "I am studying to be an electronics engineer. I put wires in my legs." - Wilson Kipketer, the Kenyan turned Dane, reveals the secret of his 800m gold.

* When I'm here, I'm representing my country — not a tribe. On the track, I'm not a Hutu, not a Tutsi, I am a Burundian." — Arthemon Hatungimana, Burundi's 800m silver medallist, oo why be would not reveal his tribal

* "I think it's his ability not to settle for second place. The good old Jamaican attitude, which of course I bave as well, coming from there."

— Bailey on the reason behind the success of Linford Christie, Britain's Jamaicanborn Olympic champion.

* They don't understand

atbletics and they don't understand the pole vault. With me having dooe 6m at Sestriere, if someone wins a meet with a 5.80m they will ask 'what's the deal?, what's wrong?" - Okkert Brits, the South African pole vaulter, on the high expectations of South African fans.

* "It's not like runoing. I'm not Michael Johnson or Carl Lewis, I'm just pole vaulting." — Sergey Bubka on the reasons for his longevity at the rop after winning a fifth world title.

"I want her not to compete in the hoptathlon. If she does, I'm going home and I won't coach her anymore." - Bobby Kersee's ulomatum to bis wife Jackie Joyner-Kersee before the American athlete bowed out of her speciality discipline.



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Mediator sees PNA-Hamas accord soon

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The leader of the Islamic Movement in Israel, Abdullah Nimr Darwish, Saturday said he expected an agreement to be reached soon hetween Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and the Islamist group Hamas.

In a press conference held at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation, Sheikh Darwish, who acts as a mediator hetween Mr. Arafat and the Hamas leadership, said that the talks between the two parties had shown "positive signs" and he expected negotiations "on all levels" to bear fruits in the near

He said, however, that "there are certain parties that are not Arah nor Palestinian who do not want the Palestinian home. to live in harmony. But the (Palestinian National) Authority and the opposition are oot as belligereot as some might like to be-

Sheikh Darwish said his movement had decided, in its last general conference. to participate in the general elections for the Israeli Knesset (Parliament), but left the choice to its followers whether to vote or not,

While advocating peace with Israel based on "temporary agreements, Sheikh Darwish warned of the rise of extremist movements if solutions were not equitable for both parties.

'Does Islamic thought, modern and old say no to the principle of peace? asked Sheikh Darwish. "Why don't we go hack to the fundamentals of our religion and look into the correct scripts ... instead of passing judgements and labelling this person as a traitor and the other as an atheist.

Sheikh Darwish said that temporary agreements were definitely better than "eternal" agreements be-cause he believed that every generation would have a chance to make its own decision and discuss agreements based on the changes oo the regional and international arenas.

"But I am warning all

countries and superpowers not to impose any humiliating agreement on the Arah countries," be said. "Remember the humiliation of Germany (after World War I) and the rise of the Nazis

But Sheikh Darwish, while insisting on the need to attain an equitable solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, called on Islamist groups, intellectuals and scholars to have a better uoderstanding of Islamic principles and teachings especially in relation to peace with Israel and with any future enemy.

"If we go back to the original script of the interpretatioos of (Muslim schoar) Ibn Hammam, a truce could he reached with apostates if need be," he said. "And if necessary, Iho Hammam says that Muslims should even pay money to reach agreements with them."

He said that Islam called on Muslims to work out for the best of their conotries through different means. Jihad (holy war) can be fulfilled at two levels: Jihad as a holy war and Jihad as a moral strife.

"If we can achieve our ohjectives without waging wars then this is also considered jihad," be said. "A reconciliatioo could be reached with the enemy if the leadership sees this to be in the interest of the country.

Lashing out at Islamist groups who "terrorise people and leaders through the use of religion," Sheikh Darwish said that a democratic system, where the government and the opposition should cooperate for the interest of the society, be established.

"I don't accept this terrorising style where every one who has a different opinion is labelled hlasphemous. Only God knows

"Why should there be any discussion between two conflicting parties if both helieve they have the should be a system wherehy the government performs its daties properly and the opposition has the

freedom of speech hut without resorting to vio-

Carbomb injures 12 in Algeria

exploded on Saturday outside a post office near Algiers injuriog 12 people, including three childrens, an official Algerian security statement

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ity

The carbomh went off in the morning outside the post office io the town of Souldania, 60 kilometre west of Algiers, said the statement carried hy the official Algerian News Agency (APC). Twelve people, including

three children, were slightly injured hy the explosion which also damaged a school. several shops and three cars, it said. There was no word about

the bombers' identity but Algerian oewspapers have hlamed the country's Muslim guerrillas for a string of car

At least 20 people have been killed in and around Algiers in similar blasts since early July, according to official and local newspapers re-

Algerian President Liamine Zeroual started talks on Saturday with political figores and some opposition groups about a presidential poll promised to be held before the end of the year.

The country's main opposition parties selected President Zeroual's initiative, urging him to open negotiations with militant leaders to end the violence before holding elections.

More than 10,000 people have been killed in Algeria violence since January 1992 when Muslim militants took up arms after army-backed authorities cancelled a general election which the Islamists were poised to win.

Algerian security forces meanwhile announced that the dead body of a woman found Aug. 2 near Algiers was that of a journalist at the weekly Revolution Africaine, a pro-government paper.

They said the reporter named as Naim Hammaonda, had been shot to death.

The killing took to 37 — of which four women - the number of journalists killed in Algeria since May 1993. Most of the killiogs have been attributed to Islamic extremists. Another two jonralists are still missing after having been kidnapped.

The security forces said the corpse had been found at Saoula, 20 kilometres south of Algiers.

Oo Tuesday, aoother weekly Hebdo Libere, had said the same body was that of one of its journalists on leave of absence, Aicha Beoamar. It said her throat had

However, Benamar then telephoned newspapers to say she was alive and well and staying with her parents in 'Ain Defia, western Algeria, newspapers said.

Witnesses said the confusion had apparently arisen because the two womeo had been living in the same building, and were the ooly people living there at the Time the killing was initially reported.

Journalists are one of the key groups targeted by fundamentalists, especially the most radical of them, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA).

An explosion blamed on saboteurs destroyed a bridge outside a northern Algeria coastal city, press reports said Saturday. The reports said an armed militant group was implicated in the Wednesday night blast; which took out the Boudkhou bridge linking Tizi-Ouzou on the Mediterranean coast with nearby Tig-

He said 20 people suffered minor injuries from It was the fourth bridge to the tear gas. No one was be damaged or destroyed this arrested and no police insummer. Government securjuries were reported. ity forces have stepped up Police withdrew after patrols in recent days in an the half-honr struggle. A attempt to thwart more such attacks along key routes.



TAKING CONTROL: Croatian soldier directs a bus over a pontoon bridge near Slunj in the territoy of the former Serb-held Krajina, some 90 kilometres from Zagreb. This

trunk road was blown up by rebel Serbs earlier this mouth forcing Croatian soldiers to erect the pontoon bridge here

Iraqi media denounce defectors

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq's official press broke its silence on Saturday with a vitriolic attack on Presideot Saddam Hussein's son-in-law who fled to Jordan earlier this week.

State-newspapers had ban-ner headlines denouncing General Hussein Kamel Hassan as a traitor and carried in full an address by President Saddam on Friday in which he compared his "treason" to that of Judas.

Gen. Hassan, who rao both Iraq's civil and military industries and helped in the formation of Baghdad's elite force of Republican Guards, fled to Jordan on Tuesday along with his brother, Colonel Saddam Kamel Hassan, and their two wives, both danghters of President Sad-

Jordan granted them and their entourage asylum and turned down an attempt by President Saddam's eldest son Uday to lure them home.

Iragi officials and state media singled out Hussein Kamel among the defectors for their ire. The coward Hussein Kamel...has descended to the

bottom of treachery," de-clared the official Al Qadissiya newspaper. The government paper Al Jumhouriya said it was good that a "traitor" like Geo.

Hassan had fled the country because his presence in Iraq would have "formed a dangerous mine which could have gooe off at inappropriate time.".

It said it was "jealousy" of power and position which prompted him to flee the Both President Saddam

and Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz poured scorn on his defection on Friday, saying it would not undermine the government in

BERLIN (AP) — Riot

police firing teargas and water cannon hattled mili-

tant Kurds on Friday at

the site of a three-week-

old hunger-strike, the

Kurds keeping police at

bay with rocks and Molo-

attempting to enter a

countryard where 176

Kurds were holding a

hunger strike to demand a

peaceful solution to their

bloody struggle for aoton-

But about 200 mostly

young Kurds fought them

off with clubs, rocks and

Police said their aim

was to remove a metal

gate they said the Kurds

were using to block the

entrance of several resi-

dents of apartments

reachable only via the

But the Kurds accused

the police of a provoca-

tion, saying their guards

had never stopped resi-

dents from passing

through the gate.
"First, all the residents

had keys to the gate, and

second, our people always

let them through," said

Zana Arzlan, a spokes-

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Baghdad. Shehah Television, owned by Uday, ran interviews with

wrath on Gen. Hassan. Many said he deserved to die. The Babel oewspaper, run hy Saddam's eldest son Uday, headlined a "fight against treason and corruption" hut like other papers

viewers who vented their

gave no details of what measures would be taken to combat those responsible. In the capital, life appeared to be going on as normal and the city's inhahitants said there were no signs

of security being stepped up after the defections. President Saddam on Friday said his son-in-law had set up companies at the beginning of the year and attracted individuals hy promising them interest rates of up to 25 per cent.

"They were closed down by anthorities a few months later after causing the ruin of a large number of deposihe said.

A Saudi Arabian newspaper said that President Saddam's regime was on the verge of collapse following the defection and urged the Iraqi people to overthrow their government. "The Iraqi regime which

has depended on a one-man show is now living the last agonisiog moments of death," the daily Al Madina newspaper, quoted by the Saudi Press Ageocy, said in an editorial. Al Madina said the defec-

tion "reveals wide and serious gaps in the police state created by the tyrant."
It added that "the key to

get out of the fix of the one-man show lies with the Iraqi people and (Iraqi) opposition.

They alone bear the hurden of further shaking the regime at home in order to

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Mr. Arzlan and other

members of the hunger

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"The people are saying

Mr. Arzlan would not

directly respond when

asked to comment on

police claims that honger-

strikes have threatened to

set fire to themselves if

police try to remove

And he did not deny

that the hunger-strikers

are sympathisers of the

Kurdish Labour Party,

which Germany has ban-

ned as a terrorist orga-

Banners of the party.

known as the PKK, hung

on walls at the cultural

centre and were waved by

the young masked mili-

tants defending the cour-

that if the police come

they are prepared to do

anything to stop them."

ended hunger strike.

They did succeed in

bring it down for the sake of Iraq and its people."

Syria said the defection

was a prelude to the total collapse of the Iraqi leader's government. A senior Syrian ioforma-

tion official said be expected President Saddam to become more dangerous as he strug-gled to hold ooto power. 'What happened in Iraq is a fire in the regime's bed-

room. It is a prelude to total collapse," said Ameed Khouli, head of the official Syrian daily Al Thawra. "It is the beginning of the actual downfall of the regime (whose) moral collapse occured a long time ago," he

said in a froot-page commen-The defections are seen as a severe blow to the Iraqi leader, who for 15 years has been a bitter rival of his

Syrian neighbours. Despite the fact that both governments were founded on the same Arab Baathist ideology, Baghdad and Damascus broke ties in the 1970s. Their long common border has since been closed and Syria was the only Arab country to side openly with Iran in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq

Syria hosts several prominent Iraqi opposition figures, including ex-intelligence chief Major-General Wafik Al Samerai.

The defections came after a dispute with Uday put Gen. Hassan's life in danger, an opposition leader said on

Saturday. Gen. Hassan called for providing the United Nations with all information on Iraq's prohibited arms prog-rammes," Ahmad Shalabi

told AFP from London. But Uday wanted "to keep certain information to use as leverage in negotiations with the U.N.," said Mr. Shalabi,

WASHINGTON (AP) — The defection of two Sad-

dam Hussein's top lieute-

nants reveals deep insta-

hility in Baghdad and

must have had the support

of many others close to

the Iraqi president, U.S.

Clinton administration

officials are relishing a

potential trove of in-

formation from the flight

to Jordan in a Mercedes

motorcade by General Hussein Kamel Al Majid,

chief of Iraq's weapons

programmes; and his

brother, Saddam Kamel

Al Majid, commander of

the special forces protect-ing President Saddam's ruling hierarchy. Both

men are married to Presi-

dent Saddam's daughters.

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ont Iraq's efforts to pro-

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weapons and about Presi-

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power, which U.S. offi-

cials believe is slipping.

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Guards," a U.S. official said. "This under any sys-

tem would be a major

State Department

spokesman David John-

son refused to say

whether U.S. officials had begun debriefing the two.

Iraqis. But Mr. Johnson said Gen. Hassan "cer-

tainly could provide a

great deal of information

which might prove very

break."

"This is family. This is

They know more than

officials say.

coalition, the Iraqi National Congress (INC).

Uday felt the leverage was needed "because the United States would oever allow the lifting of the embargo" imposd on Iraq after the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Mr. Shalabi said.

"Hussein Kamel realised that his life was threatened because of the conflict with Uday," and "so he chose to flee," Mr. Shalabi said. Mr. Shalabi said revela-

tions by Gen. Hassan could "remove any possibility of the emhargo being lifted." Mr. Shalabi said President Saddam's half-brother Wathan Ibrahim Hassan was

seriously injured in the legs on Ang. 8 in Baghdad by Uday's bodyguards after a disagreement with the Iraqi leader's eldest son. The newspaper Babel said Watban was accidentally hurt by individuals shooting rounds of ammunition in the

air in celebration. Watban was sacked in May from his post as interior minister, "The situation is very tense in Baghdad, but Saddam and his family control the situa-

tion," Mr. Shalahi said. He said the Republican Guards and elite troops had been deployed at sensitive points in and around the capital, especially around the presidential palace and the radio station.

Mr. Shalabi said Gen. Hassan had only limited influence in the army, adding that Qusay, President Saddam's younger son, controls the special forces and the Republican Guard.

·Bnt Gen. Hassan's defection would affect "negotiations with Western oil companies, particularly with the French, which he directed personally," he said.

U.S. administration sees gains

and perils in Iraqi defections

useful" to Rolf Ekeus, head of U.N. weapons in-

The Pentagon reported

Thursday shifting of tanks.

and artillery and other

"feally preparatory

moves" by Iraqi forces

after the defection to Jor-

dan. But, Mr. Johnson

said Friday, "we have seen no evidence of Iraqi

moves directly related to

these defections." In light

of President Saddam's re-

cord, the spokesman said it was prudeot to prepare

The United States has

sought for years to moti-

vate Iraqi military officers to revolt and in 1991 led a

33-nation caolitioo that

fought a six-week war to

end Iraq's Aog. 2, 1990, occupation of Kuwait.

The Clinton administra-

tion has held off Russia

and other U.S. allies in

maintaining stiff econo-

mic sanctions designed to'

wreck the Iraqi economy.

"The defections de-

monstrate that the United

States policy of holding fast to the sanctions reg-ime until Iraq has met all

of its United Nations

Security Council resolu-

tious is working," Mr.

Privately, Clinton administration officials

were pleased with the de-

velopment but at the same

time apprehensive about

President Saddam's reac-

Johnson said.

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spections in Iraq.

3 Israeli soldiers wounded Lebanon attack

MARJAYOUN (Agencies) — Three Israeli soldiers were wounded, one seriously, Saturday in a barrage of mortar fire unleashed by Iranian-backed guerrillas on South Lebanoo, security sources said. The sources, speaking on condition of anonym-

ity, said the victims were evacuated by helicopter to a northern Israeli hospital for treatment of shrapnel injuries.

Hizboliah, or party of God, Iran's main Shiite Muslim fundamentalist

ally in Lebanon, claimed responsibility for shelling the Israeli outpost at Dabshe hill in the ceotral sector of an Israeli-occupied border enclave.

Israeli forces and allied militiamen of the South Lehanon Army (SLA) retaliated by shelling the environs of the southern Lebanese market town of Nabatiyeh with tank and howitzer fire, the sources said.

They said two lowflyiog Israeli figherbombers later crashed the sound barrier in repeated mock air raids on Nabatiyeh, causing thunderous hooms that jolted thousands of residents out of bed.

The sources said there were no bombing sorties and they had no immediate report of casualties from the bombardment of Nabatiyeh's surroundings: Hizhollah, which opposes the U.S.-

sponsored Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, has been leading a guerrilla war to dislodge Israeli from the occupied enclave it calls a "security zone." The zone, which has a predominantly Shiite population of 200,000,

was carved out in 1985 to shield Israel's northern towns from cross-border guerrilla attacks. So far this year 114 peo

ple have been killed and 281 wounded in South Lebanon, the last fiery Arab-Israeli war front. The Israeli army later said in a statement that

the three casualties included an officer in serious condition. It said the Israeli army returned fire, but gave no details. Secority sources in

Lebanon said Israeli jet fighters also flew low over the Iqlim Al Toufah heights, a Hizbollah bas-

One official, insisting

on anonymity, said the Iraqi leader is likely to

lash oot at Kurds to show

he remains in charge.

"But he's got a lot to worry about. (The defec-tors) couldn't have done

this without a lot of peo-

ple aware of them and helpiog them," the official told the Associated Press.

President Saddam

trusts only close members

of his family and has not

hesitated to elimioate

those he lost faith in.

"People are now going to

say it can be done, you can oppose Saddam," the

official said. 'And they

At the same time, there

is coocern within the

administration that the

Iraqi government could

collapse in a way that splinters Iraq and destabilises the Gulf regioo.

NBC news reported

Friday that Mr. Clinton

has ordered the U.S. air-

craft carrier Theodore

Roosevelt to proceed at

top speed to the Eastern

Mediterranean. It quoted

defence officials as saying

the carrier's F-14 Tomcat

fighter-bombers would fly

over the Kingdom in a

Iraqi Deputy Prime

Minister Tareo Aziz on Friday described as a

"hallucination" American

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Clinton takes anti-smoking campaign to rock TV

WASHINGTON (AFP)

President Bill clinton took

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teenage smoking to the rock-and-roll airwaves Friday, warning youths that cigarettes are as hig a threat to them as guns, drugs and AIDS. "It's the thing that puts them most at risk over the long run," he said on the MTV television music channel when asked why kids should be concerned about smoking when so many were dying from drugs, sex and violence. "We have to do something about the other things too," Mr. Clinton acknowledged, "bnt the cigarettes - the magnitude of the damage caused is greater than all of that right Mr. Clinton now." announced Thursday he had. ordered a crackdown on cigarette sales and marketing aimed at adolescents. prompting law suits from the tobacco companies and a skeptical response from American teens who say they have bigger concerns The president said he never tried cigarettes because his mother had been a heavy smoker. Thursday he admit ted he still smoked a handful of cigars a year but he side stepped a call to give them.

Vatican decries German ban on mandatory crucifix display

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display of crucifixes and crosses in classrooms stems from a "misguided religious pluralism" crippling 🔄 Europe, the Vatican said Fri day. The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. contended the constitutional court decision "moves Europe toward catastrophe" by breaking its "genuine Christian spiritual and cul-tural roots." It said: "At a time in which Europe is recalling a war that killed people in the name of a hated emblem such as the swastika, now they take from the schools, in the name of misguided religious. pluralism, these crucifixes." The German ruling Thursday overturned a law in conservative Bavaria that placed crusses and crucifixes on all classroom walls. The high court said the law

South African gays protest against Mugabe

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JOHANNESBURG (AFP) Around 100 people Friday held a protest outside Zimbabwe's trade mission here against ongoing attacks on gay people by Zimbabwean President Robert Mngabe, the national news agency SAPA said. The protest organised by the national coalition for gay and lesbian equality, was sparked by mugabe's remarks at a book fair in Harare on august 1 that homosexnals should not have any rights. Coalition spokesman Kevan Botha said Mr. Mugabe's comments were symptomatic of the ongoing abuse of human rights in Zimbabwe. The protesters chanted: Hey bey, ho ho, homophobia must go" and questioned Mr. Mugabe's sexuality: "Two four six, eight, is Mogabe really straight?" Posters One read: "Zimbabwe needs."

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